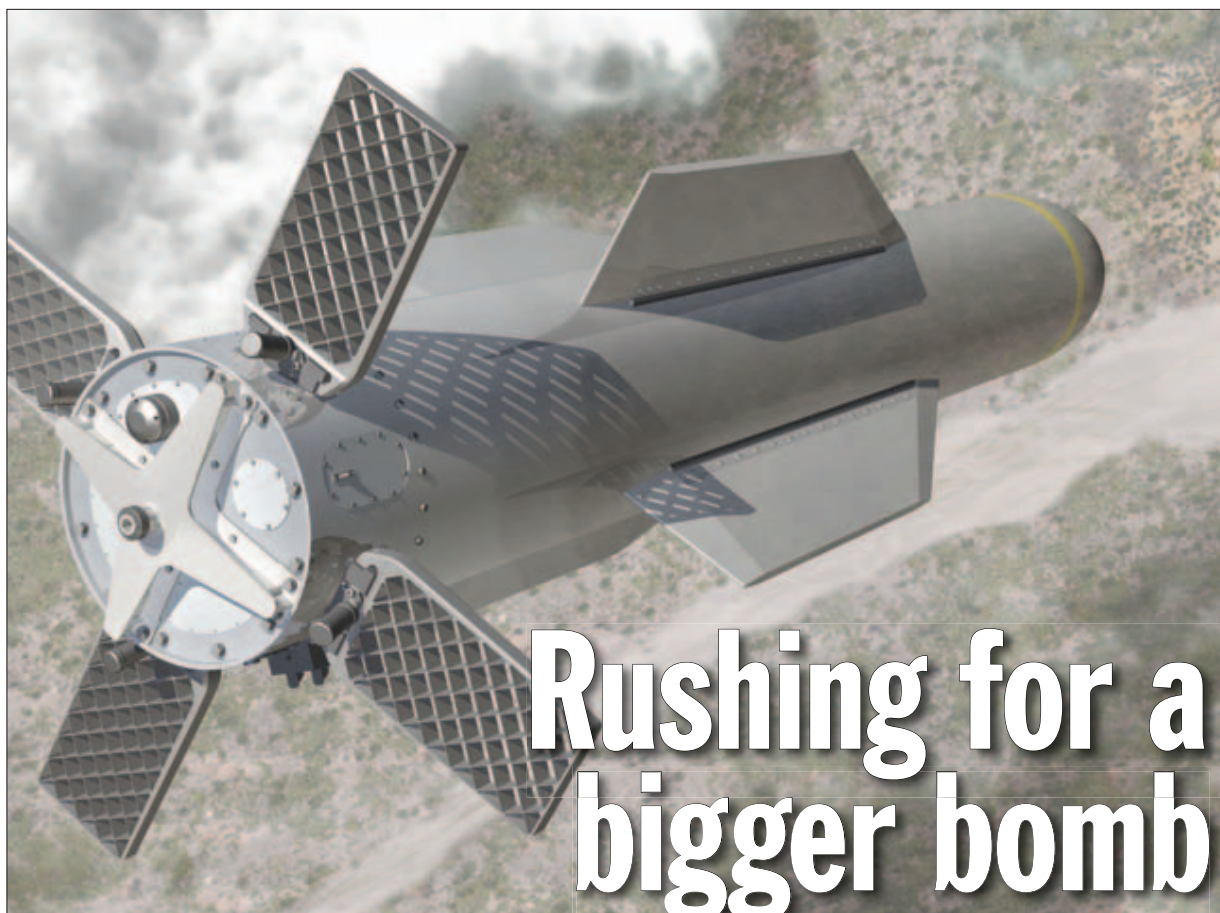


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**Rushing for a
bigger bomb**

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**"It was a bunch of B.S.,
but what can we do
about it now?"**

— Sgt. Nikifor Banchoff, of the 16th Sustainment Brigade, on being in the last unit to do a 15-month tour in Iraq

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Bunker-busting bomb on fast track

Pentagon denies MOP
is intended for Iran

By ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is speeding up delivery of a colossal bomb designed to destroy hidden weapons bunkers buried underground and shielded by 10,000 pounds of reinforced concrete.

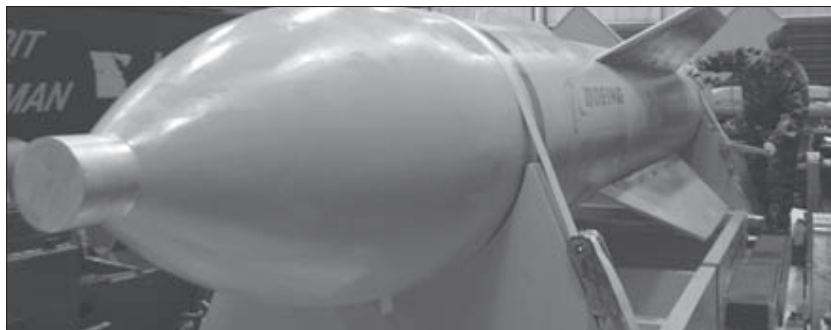
Call it Plan B for dealing with Iran, which recently revealed a long-suspected nuclear site deep inside a mountain near the holy city of Qom.

The 15-ton behemoth — called the "massive ordnance penetrator," or MOP — will be the largest nonnuclear bomb in the U.S. arsenal and will carry 5,300 pounds of explosives. The bomb is about 10 times more powerful than the weapon it is designed to replace.

The Pentagon has awarded a nearly \$52 million contract to speed up placement of the bomb aboard the B-2 Stealth bomber, and officials say the bomb could be fielded as soon as next summer.

Pentagon officials acknowledge that the new bomb is intended to blow up fortified sites like those used by Iran and North Korea for their nuclear programs, but they deny there is a specific target in mind.

"I don't think anybody can divine potential targets," Pentagon press secretary Geoff Mor-



Courtesy of Stephen Linch

Tech. Sgt. Michael Taylor of the 509th Maintenance Group works on a mock up of the Massive Ordnance Penetrator on Dec. 28, 2007, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

rell said. "This is just a capability that we think is necessary given the world we live in."

The Obama administration has struggled to counter suspicions lingering from George W. Bush's presidency that the United States is either planning to bomb Iranian nuclear facilities itself or would look the other way if Israel did the same.

The administration has been careful not to take military action off the table even as it reaches out to Iran with historic talks this month. Tougher sanctions are the immediate backup if diplomacy fails to stop what the West fears is a drive for a nuclear weapon.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates recently

said a strike against Iran's nuclear facilities would probably only buy time. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen has called a strike an option he doesn't want to use.

The MOP could, in theory, take out bunkers such as those Saddam Hussein had begun to construct for weapons programs in Iraq, or flatten the kind of cave and tunnel networks that allowed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden to escape U.S. assault in Tora Bora, Afghanistan, shortly after the U.S. invasion in 2001.

The precision-guided bomb is designed to drill through earth and almost any underground encasement to reach weapons depots, labs or hideouts.

Plot: Taxi driver's family wants deeper investigation

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An unknown gunman forced his way into the taxi but fled after killing Turiano, authorities said. Eniceo told Stars and Stripes that Bench had hired the hit man to kill his wife during the Easter holiday tour.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service arrived in Manila last week to work on the case, said Ruby Ramores, Turiano's sister.



Bench

For past stories about this case, go to stripes.com/go/bench

Philippines police also confirmed the presence of Navy investigators.

"My investigative department is now working hand in hand with NCIS," said Col. Dioscoro Maata, the city police superintendent.

NCIS officials refused comment about the Bench case on Tuesday. Last week, the commanding officers of the base and the USS Denver also declined comment, citing an ongoing investigation.

Eniceo said Bench discussed his plan to murder his wife during the April tour and he funneled money through her to pay hired

killers during a prior murder attempt in February.

Now that Bench is dead, Eniceo appears to be a key link between the sailor and Turiano's killer.

The case had gone cold since the Easter holiday shooting because the Bench family could not identify the gunman who hijacked the taxi and shot Turiano, the Philippines police told Stars and Stripes in an interview in Manila last month.

Eniceo told Stars and Stripes she did not know the identity of the killer but said she feared the hit man might try to harm her.

The renewed police work is giving hope to members of Turiano's family, who have been pressing for a deeper investigation into the case since they became sus-

picious it was more than just a botched robbery, Ramores said.

At the time of the killing, naval investigators conducted only a cursory review of the alleged robbery and the Bench family flew back to Japan a few days later.

Ramores said she now believes Bench orchestrated the killing.

Since April, she said, she has been doggedly pursuing her own leads in the case and urging investigators forward.

"I told them, 'Please don't do this to us again,'" said Ramores, who was interviewed by NCIS last week. "You had the mastermind before and you didn't do anything."

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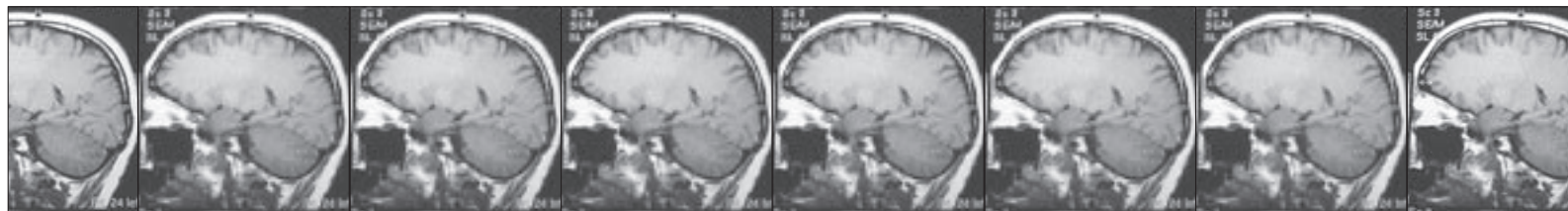
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BATTLEFIELD BRAIN

Brain injuries in combat are leading to medical advances back at home

By MELISSA HEALY
Los Angeles Times

A world away from the roadside bombs and combat injuries of Iraq and Afghanistan, Americans are suffering the same type of brain injury seen in troops coming home from those war-torn countries. On American roads, at workplaces and on playing fields, more than 11 million have been hurt since the fighting overseas started.

Almost 1 in 5 of these civilians will struggle with lingering, often subtle symptoms — headaches, dizziness, concentration difficulties and personality changes — for a year, and often longer. As their memories falter, their work suffers and their relationships fray, many victims of brain trauma don't realize that their cognitive struggles are related to a blow to the head.

In what has been called a silent epidemic, about 2 percent of the U.S. population — 5.3 million people — cope with long-term disabilities from such accidents.

Many returning U.S. troops know those symptoms well. In almost eight years of fighting in Afghanistan and more than six in Iraq, bomb blasts, vehicle crashes and other hazards of military duty are thought to have exacted between 48,000 and 360,000 traumatic brain injuries, mostly concussions, among servicemembers.

But their epidemic has been anything but silent. Philanthropists have endowed centers to care for uniformed victims. Law-



Rick Loomis/Los Angeles Times

The ability to quickly diagnose and treat head injuries on the war front is a top priority for the U.S.

makers have earmarked funds to research their affliction. And communities have rallied to help with their needs. The resulting recognition has brought some comfort to civilians who struggle with wounded brains.

More important, the nation's military branches and veterans agency have invested heavily in research on brain injury and its aftermath. The combined surge of public attention and military largess, experts say, promises to bring civilian and military vic-

tims better means of diagnosing and treating brain trauma and limiting its toll.

"We're interested in finding solutions, no matter where they come from," says Dr. E. Melissa Kaime, a Navy captain who directs a program of medical research on priorities established by Congress. The office's budget has set aside about \$300 million in the last three years for research on the subject.

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Similar injuries, different uncertainties

Larry Carr

■ **How it happened:** Carr, 39, deployed to Iraq as a sergeant in the Army National Guard, was a medic with the 1st Infantry Division when a roadside bomb exploded alongside the Humvee in which he was riding.

■ **Treatment:** Carr underwent surgery to remove a rock and shrapnel from his head, but his skull hadn't been fractured. On standard CT scans done at Balad Air Base in Iraq, his brain appeared unharmed.

■ **Result:** Upon returning home, the signs that all was not well mounted. Carr was plagued by debilitating daily headaches and regularly "yelled like a drill sergeant" at his wife and kids with no provocation. He slept for much of the day and forgot to eat for days at a time. His efforts to recall his childhood drew a blank. He was forgetful, distracted.

"I always thought of myself as highly intelligent before. And now I'm failing fourth-grade math," Carr says. "I feel like a complete idiot. That's one of the things that's the hardest: I know I used to be smart enough to do this. And now I'm not."

■ **How the military helped:** One day, Carr's psychiatrist, a former Army reservist who spent time in Afghanistan, told him of a new study emerging from the military's increasing research into brain injury. Many of the symptoms of PTSD, for which Carr was being treated, mimic the symptoms of traumatic brain injury, said Carr's physician, Dr. Bruce Capehart.

The results of a lengthy battery of cognitive tests made it clear that Carr's brain had sustained serious injury.

Ewing similarly benefited from military research on new diagnostic imaging technologies. An imaging technique improved and promoted by the military finally exposed the cause of Ewing's cognitive troubles: inert and sluggish activity of cells throughout multiple areas of his brain.

The long-term prognosis is uncertain for both men. But with proper diagnosis, they have begun long-term rehabilitative treatment.

Larry Ewing

■ **How it happened:** Ewing, 60, a supervising equipment officer for the city of Victorville, Calif., was helping to unload a tractor-trailer when the truck's contents shifted. The rolling canisters knocked him backward. Ewing fell, slamming his head into the inside wall of the truck.

■ **Treatment:** CT scans and magnetic resonance imaging of Ewing's brain showed no abnormalities, nor did brain-wave monitoring on an electroencephalogram.

■ **Result:** Ewing has lost brainpower and independence.

His central vision shifted sideways and his peripheral vision dimmed. He is easily disoriented and becomes dizzy from sudden movement and changes of orientation. He forgets to turn off the stove or to check for cars before stepping into the street. His reading and writing skills have fallen to roughly sixth-grade levels, his wife says.

He was a superintendent, he kept track of 60 people," Pat Ewing says. "He told the doctors recently, 'I can't even keep track of myself now.'"

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The number of U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan that have been evaluated or treated for traumatic brain injury through January 2009.

The amount one Harvard economist has estimated that the lifetime care of each veteran disabled by brain injury could cost.

The Pentagon's expenditure on brain-injury treatment and research in 2008.

New steps in managing TBI

1 PREVENTION Better helmets: Until very recently, the helmets worn by servicemembers were designed to protect the head against only penetrating wounds such as bullets or shrapnel, not impact. Newer helmets are making use of impact-absorbing designs widely devised for head protection in collision sports such as football.

Neuroprotectants: Neuroscientists have tried mightily, but without success, to discover some drug that can "harden" the brain against knocks or, following an injury, disrupt the cascade of events that leads to brain cell death. "Neuroprotection" is an idea the Pentagon loves as well and has funded studies to explore.

2 DIAGNOSIS Imaging: With Defense Department funds, scientists are exploring ways of detecting brain injury with new and existing medical imaging technologies. Those include the use of functional magnetic resonance imaging, which can detect disruptions in blood flow of an injured person's brain and Diffusion Tensor Imaging, a modification of MRI that zeros in on the brain's white matter, the dense connections between neurons that tend to rip and tear with concussion.

Biomarkers: Of immediate use, says Duke University's Gerald Grant, would be a simple blood test capable of distinguishing a brain injury that will likely get better on its own from a brain injury requiring immediate medical attention.

3 TREATMENT Clemson University bioengineering professor Ning Zhang has offered an innovative way to reduce TBI-related disability: plugging the holes in the brain that trauma can leave behind. In Zhang's population of lab rats, trauma had killed off vast colonies of brain cells, leaving blank spots in their brains. Zhang and her team injected those holes with a gel made up of both natural and synthetic materials. The gel not only spurred the growth of stem cells to regenerate brain tissue; it provided a structure within which those regenerated cells could grow. Within 12 weeks, the injured rats were as good as new, said Zhang.

Okinawa governor rejects Schwab impact report

By CHIYOMI SUMIDA
Stars and Stripes

NAHA, Okinawa — Okinawa Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima on Tuesday disapproved an environmental impact assessment report Japan's Ministry of Defense conducted for a new U.S. Marine Corps air field planned to be built on Camp Schwab.

He demanded a more thorough evaluation of how the new air facility would affect local communities and the surrounding environment.

According to a 2006 bilateral agreement to restructure U.S. forces in Japan, the facility is slated to be completed by 2014. The yearlong survey's findings were sub-

mitted in April to Nakaima for his review, although the final decision is ultimately up to the Tokyo government.

The relocation project has been a controversial issue, especially since the Democratic Party of Japan-led coalition government took power in September. New government leaders have promised to re-examine the bilateral agreement and have said they will give the opinions of Nakaima and the people of Okinawa serious consideration. But there has been no timeline set for the government's decision on whether to rework the bilateral pact.

After submitting his opinion in writing Tuesday to the ministry's Okinawa Defense Bureau, Nakaima expressed his

frustration over not knowing if the new government would follow the realignment pact.

"If the new government is to review [the entire realignment plan], what is this assessment for?" he said at a news conference.

Nakaima also stressed that he has shown support to move the air field to Camp Schwab only because it removes the danger posed at its current location, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, which sits in the center of a heavily-populated area. Moving the facility to a less-populated site on Okinawa was the second option, not the best, he said.

"I asked the government to show us a

concrete plan as soon as possible," he said.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell, the State Department's top Asia policy official, said he would like to see a breakthrough before President Barack Obama arrives in Japan next month.

"We hope to have real progress over the course of the next several weeks," Campbell said Monday in Japan, according to The Associated Press.

However, Japanese Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa told reporters Tuesday that he does not think U.S. and Japanese governments could reach an agreement on the issue before Obama's visit Nov. 11-12.

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VA adds three illnesses to Agent Orange benefits list

By LEO SHANE III
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WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs officials added three new illnesses Tuesday to the list of diagnoses connected to Agent Orange, allowing quicker health care claims for Vietnam veterans suffering from Parkinson's disease, hairy cell leukemia and ischemic heart disease.

The move follows a study by the nongovernmental Institute of Medicine. The group has been studying the effects of Agent Orange since the early 1990s and this summer suggested a link between those diseases and the toxic Agent Orange chemicals.

In a statement, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki said the additions bring to 15 the number of "presumed" sicknesses linked to Agent Orange. Others include prostate cancer and Hodgkin's disease.

Veterans with those conditions will not have to prove any connection between their sickness and their military service when filing a health benefits claim.

"We must do better reviews of illnesses that may be connected to service, and we will," Shinseki said. "Veterans who endure health problems deserve timely decisions based on solid evidence."

At the height of the Vietnam War, U.S. military commanders used Agent Orange — a nickname for a host of herbicides — to destroy the thick jungle canopy concealing guerilla fighters.

The chemicals were later

'Presumed' illnesses

The list of illnesses recognized under VA's "presumption" rule as being caused by exposure to herbicides during the Vietnam War are:

- Acute and cubacut transient peripheral neuropathy
- AL amyloidosis
- Chloracne
- Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
- Diabetes mellitus (Type 2)
- Hairy cell leukemia
- Hodgkin's disease
- Ischemic heart disease
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease
- Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Prostate cancer
- Respiratory cancers, and
- Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)

Source: Department of Veterans Affairs

linked to serious health problems in both civilians and troops, and later in their children, as well. Military records estimate that more than 2.6 million U.S. servicemembers may have been exposed to Agent Orange between 1965 and 1970.

VA officials said that up to 250,000 veterans may benefit from the latest change. In a statement, Veterans of Foreign Wars national commander Thomas Tradewell Sr., a Vietnam veteran, called the additions a significant change and praised Shinseki.

"The VA is saying 'we believe you,' which will enable more veterans to receive the health care and benefits they earned and deserve," he said.

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Wounded troops transported to Landstuhl



Wounded U.S. servicemembers are seen on stretchers at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan on Tuesday before boarding a C-130 aircraft for transport to Landstuhl Regional Medical Facility in Germany for medical treatment.

MAYA ALLERUZZO/AP

Soldiers recount hazing in hearing

Stars and Stripes

Ten soldiers testified in Iraq this weekend that Pvt. Keiffer Wilhelm was brutally hazed by his superiors in the days before he committed suicide with a self-inflicted gunshot wound on Aug. 4, USA Today reported.

In an Article 32 hearing to decide whether Staff Sgt. Bob Clements and Sgt. Enoch Chatman will face trial for cruelty and maltreatment of Wilhelm and others, soldiers recounted how Wilhelm was verbally abused and made to endure periods of grueling exercise as punishment for infractions, according to the paper.

During testimony, Sgt. Branan Lawrence said Chatman and Clements told him before Wilhelm, 19, had even arrived: "We got a new guy. Don't go easy on him."

The Army has not accused Clements and Chatman of directly causing Wilhelm's death, but the prosecution is seeking to prove that a culture of abuse was created and ultimately culminated in Wilhelm's suicide, USA Today wrote.

The unit's combat medic, Sgt. James Thompson, testified that he confronted Clements after another soldier, Spc. Matthew Buchwitz, collapsed from dehydration following a similar punitive exercise session in June.

"I told him in no way did I want to tell him how to discipline his soldier or run his platoon, but ... I just couldn't have that anymore because it was dangerous," Thompson testified. "He didn't take my advice and said he would do as he saw fit."

Clements, 29, of Eastland, Texas, faces up to 25 years in prison, and Chatman 30, of West Covina, Calif., faces 10 years.

Brain: Military reaches far and wide for help combating TBI

BRAIN, FROM PAGE 3

Military research has prompted greater use of new medical imaging techniques that let doctors detect brain abnormalities they couldn't see before. Hand-held computer tests and back-pocket concussion-assessment cards — devised for professional sports teams but refined and promoted by the military — are making their way to the sidelines of youth sports. And military research has prompted trauma physicians to look for spasms in the brain's blood vessels after an injury — a sign that more aggressive actions must be taken to avert death

and post-traumatic epilepsy.

More improvements, including blood tests that could detect the severity of brain trauma, are on the horizon.

"Our motto is 'learn as we treat,'" says Col. Michael S. Jaffee, a physician who directs the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center. Military physicians initially may have turned to the civilian medical community to guide their treatment of brain injury, says Dr. Jamshid Ghajar, a Cornell University neurosurgeon who directs the Brain Trauma Foundation. But now, the Pentagon's money, experience and team approach have turned the tables,

making the military the leader in the field, he says.

To improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a concussion, the Pentagon and Veterans Affairs have recruited widely.

The military turned to sports-medicine specialists for help making a decision that coaches and players face when they suspect a collision has resulted in a concussion: whether to take a player out of the game or a soldier off the battlefield.

The result of the collaboration was the MACE card — short for Military Acute Concussion Evaluation — that every military medic in Iraq or Afghanistan carries.

It is a paper-and-pencil adaptation of a computer-based test called ImPACT, designed for coaches and trainers to gauge the presence and severity of concussive symptoms.

Such common ground also includes a growing concern for the long-term effects of these injuries.

In September 2008, the Defense Department and the NFL convened a conference to share news and research on traumatic brain injury, including the biomechanics of brain injury, new helmet designs, concussion prevention, and better ways to diagnose and assess traumatic brain injury on the sidelines and in the hospital.



FAY CONROY/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Master Sgt. David Clark of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Sustainment Brigade greets his wife, Olga, and daughters, Sofia, 3, right, and Liza, 8, at a welcome-home ceremony Sunday morning on Warner Barracks in Bamberg, Germany. The 16th Sustainment Brigade was deployed for 15 months to Iraq and was the last Army unit to serve a 15-month tour there. Shortly after the unit arrived in Iraq, deployment lengths were shortened to 12 months.

Last of 16th Sustainment Brigade soldiers home from 15-month tour

Stars and Stripes

BAMBERG, Germany — The Bamberg community welcomed home the last of some 300 German-based soldiers of the 16th Sustainment Brigade early Sunday morning, officially ending the troops' 15-month tour to Iraq.

Days after they arrived in Iraq, the Defense Department announced that all future Army deployments would be cut to 12 months, meaning the 16th brigade's soldiers would be the last who had to spend more than a year in the desert, brigade officials said.

"It was a bunch of B.S., but what

can we do about it now?" said Sgt. Nikifor Banchoff, who returned on Sunday and was conducting a post-deployment health examination Tuesday in Bamberg. "We had a mission we had to accomplish, and it was annoying seeing units come and go while being deployed with units only serving 12 months after they arrived," he said.

On Sunday morning, 169 soldiers returned to their families and friends on the base in Bamberg. A week earlier, 161 soldiers from the unit returned home.

The brigade, based at Qayyarah Airfield, known as Q-West, was responsible for delivering tons

of supplies to soldiers based in northern Iraq. The brigade headquarters, about 190 miles north of Baghdad, supported 15 battalions, according to brigade commander Col. Martin Pitts, who wrote about the unit's accomplishments in a letter to families before the unit returned home.

None of the soldiers from the headquarters unit lost their lives during the deployment.

The brigade completed 6,000 convoy logistical patrols, driving more than 6 million miles to ensure all the soldiers in Multi-National Division-North got the supplies and equipment they needed, Pitts said.

Afghanistan's Karzai accused of meddling

The Associated Press

KABUL — Afghan President Hamid Karzai's top challenger in disputed elections alleged Tuesday the embattled head of state engineered the resignation of a chief fraud investigator to cast doubt over a process that may force a runoff vote.

Results from the Aug. 20 elections have been delayed by more than a month because of massive fraud allegations. A five-member, U.N.-backed panel is investigating the charges, and its decision on how many votes to throw out will determine whether Karzai wins outright — as preliminary results show — or if a runoff is required.

One of two Afghans on the Electoral Complaints Commission, Maulavi Mustafa Barakzai, resigned Monday because, he said, the three foreigners on the panel were "making all decisions on their own."

A deputy campaign manager for former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, Karzai's top challenger, called the resignation a move by the Karzai campaign to call into question the validity of the fraud investigations.

In some of the latest violence reported in the troubled nation, Afghan forces killed 15 insurgents in southern Kandahar province during fighting Monday that also left one police officer dead, the

Interior Ministry said. The ministry also said five Taliban fighters were killed Monday in Zabul province's Arghandab district.

Iraq assembly agrees to small U.K. troop return

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi lawmakers Tuesday approved the return of a limited number of British troops to Iraq to help protect the country's southern oil ports — an area where Iraq is lagging in its ability to provide security.

Iraq's parliament approved the security agreement with Britain months after the military contingent was forced to pull out because a United Nations mandate allowing British troops to legally operate in the country expired.

Under the agreement in parliament Tuesday, about 100 British troops would return for about a year to provide protection to the oil sites and train Iraqi forces. Iraq's president and two vice presidents still must sign off on the agreement.

The deal limits British military operations in Iraq strictly to naval operations at the southern port of Umm Qasr, said Jabir Khalifa Jabir, from the parliament's oil and gas committee.

Britain had about 40,000 troops in Iraq following the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, but withdrew almost all its forces earlier this year. A contingent of about 100 to 150 troops who were training Iraq's new navy remained, but those forces were moved to Kuwait when Iraq's parliament went on

summer break without agreeing to allow the British to stay.

U.S. military officials have repeatedly said Iraq has still not purchased the ships and planes it badly needs to defend its waters.

Meanwhile, Iraqi lawmakers facing a looming deadline resumed talks Tuesday on the election law — a key piece of legislation that may affect the credibility of the country's parliamentary vote in January.

Iraq's electoral commission gave the assembly until Thursday to approve new voting guidelines that would require ballots to list individual candidates rather than just their party blocs. If the lawmakers miss the deadline, Iraq will revert to voting guidelines used in the 2005 parliamentary elections, in which only party names were listed on the ballots.

U.S. Ambassador Christopher Hill and Army Gen. Ray Odierno, the top American military commander in Iraq, issued a joint statement Tuesday urging Iraq's parliament to reach a consensus on the election law.

Elsewhere, an Iraqi police official said six people were killed and eight wounded in a market blast Tuesday north of Baghdad.

Major Ghalib al-Kharkhi, the media official in Diyala provincial police, said the blast took place in the town of Buhruz, about 35 miles north of Baghdad.

DOD: Recruiting year best since 1973

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department says it has just finished the best recruiting year since the all-volunteer military was established in the U.S. in 1973.

The department's head of personnel, Bill Carr, says all services met their goals for active-duty and reserve recruiting and that the quality of recruits improved during the budget year that ended Sept. 30.

He told a Pentagon news conference that it is because the department continued to spend strongly on finding recruits as fewer jobs were available in the civilian world due to the nation's economic problems.

Japan to end naval refueling mission

TOKYO — Japan will end its naval refueling mission in support of U.S.-led operations in Afghanistan next January, officials said Tuesday.

Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa said Japan would pull out its two naval ships from the Indian Ocean operation when their current mandate expires in January. The refueling mission began in 2001.

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, who took office last month, has opposed the mission, saying Japan should take other measures to help Afghanistan restore peace.

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Health care bill clears Senate committee

By ERICA WERNER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With support from a lone Republican, a key Senate committee Tuesday approved a middle-of-the-road health care plan that moves President Barack Obama's goal of wider and affordable coverage a giant step closer to becoming law.

Maine Republican Olympia Snowe said she was laying aside misgivings for now and voting to advance the bill, a sweeping \$829 billion, 10-year health care remake that would help most Americans get coverage without creating a new government insurance plan.

At the White House, Obama called the events "a critical milestone" toward remaking the nation's health care system. He praised Snowe as well as Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the committee, and declared, "We are going to get this done."

There were fresh challenges. Within minutes of the vote, labor unions and large business organizations both demanded changes in the bill, which was an attempt at a middle-of-the-road measure fashioned by the committee under Baucus' leadership.

Health care legislation is expected to be on the Senate floor



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Senate Finance Committee members Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, left, and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., talk on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday during the committee's hearing on health care reform.

the week after next, said a spokesman for Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. But it won't be the bill passed Tuesday, proposed by Baucus. Reid will combine

the Finance version with a more liberal proposal from the health committee — with unpredictable results.

The vote in the Finance Com-

mittee was 14-9, with Snowe joining all 13 Democrats in support. In a sign of long political battles ahead, every other Republican voted against it.

The ultimate fate of the legislation hinges on how lawmakers decide dozens of unresolved issues, from letting government sell insurance to abortion coverage. Even some senators who voted for the Baucus bill said they have concerns it will deliver on providing access to affordable coverage for all.

As Snowe made clear, "My vote today is my vote today. It doesn't forecast what my vote will be tomorrow."

The Baucus plan would, for the first time, require most Americans to purchase insurance. It also aims to hold down spiraling medical costs over the long term. Questions persist about whether it would truly provide access to affordable coverage, particularly for self-employed people with solid middle-class incomes.

The Finance Committee's top Republican, Chuck Grassley of Iowa, gave voice to the GOP's concerns about the bill, saying it was "moving on a slippery slope to more and more government control of health care."

"There's a lot in this bill that's just a consensus that needs to be done, but there are other provisions of this bill that raise a lot of questions," Grassley said.

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U.N. to appeal for storm aid

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The U.N. will appeal for tens of millions of dollars in fresh aid for the Philippines in addition to \$44 million already pledged for the Southeast Asian nation as it grapples with massive destruction from back-to-back storms, a top official said Tuesday.

A typhoon on the heels of last month's tropical storm triggered landslides and widespread flooding in the northern Philippines, killing at least 669 people since Sept. 26. About 6 million people have been affected, and the cost of damage is estimated at \$336 million, officials said.

The U.N. flash appeal for \$74 million in aid for the Philippines has so far generated \$19 million, and another \$25 million has been committed separately, said John Holmes, the U.N. undersecretary for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief.

The U.N. is ready to call for more aid after a final assessment of the extent of damage is made.

He said he was impressed that major donors had maintained their humanitarian aid budget despite domestic pressures from the global economic crisis.

The Philippine crisis will likely reinforce focus on climate change with the idea of putting in place measures to adapt to extreme weather events, Holmes said.

Russia balks at more Iran sanctions

By MATTHEW LEE

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia pushed back Tuesday at U.S. efforts to threaten tough new sanctions if Iran fails to prove its nuclear program is peaceful, a setback to the Obama administration's desire to present a united front with Moscow.

After meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow believed that such threats would not persuade Iran to comply and that negotiations should continue to be pursued.

"At the current stage, all forces should be thrown at supporting the negotiating process," he told reporters at a joint news conference with Clinton. "Threats, sanctions and threats of pressure in the current situation, we are convinced, would be counterproductive."

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said then that while sanctions are rarely productive "in some cases they are inevitable." Lavrov stressed on Tuesday that Medvedev meant only that sanctions would be considered when all political and diplomatic efforts are exhausted.

Clinton, who met later with Medvedev, said she had not asked for Moscow's specific support for actually imposing sanctions. But U.S. officials said they were disappointed that Lavrov had come



NATALIA KOLESNIKOVA/AP

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev sits across from Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in Barvikha, outside Moscow, on Tuesday.

out against even the threat of new penalties.

Beyond Iran, Lavrov said U.S. and Russia negotiators have made "considerable" progress toward reaching agreement on a new strategic arms treaty. The 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty,

or START, expires in December, and negotiators have been racing to agree on a successor.

The two diplomats also discussed possible cooperation on missile defense following President Barack Obama's decision not to proceed with Bush administra-

tion plans to base such a system in eastern Europe.

Also on the agenda were Afghanistan, nuclear-armed North Korea, NATO expansion, the situation in Georgia after its conflict with Russia last year, human rights and arms control.

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Some celebs no longer Twitterpated

Site's charms starting to wear thin

Twitter continues to lose some of its most-followed music celebs. Days after teen star Miley Cyrus removed her account, perpetual ranter Courtney Love has disappeared from the social-networking service. Love's Twitter disappeared without warning, but its removal came soon after Love's teenage daughter, Frances Bean Cobain, laid into young Ali Lohan.

Cyrus, however, isn't disappearing so quietly.

With rumors that she left Twitter at the behest of supposed love interest Liam Hemsworth, the tween star and their friends channeled all their non-tweeting free time into a short, cheesy rap.

"I stopped living for moments and started living for people," Cyrus sings, adding, "Everything that I type and everything I do / All those lame gossip sites take it and they make it news."

Cyrus admits to some withdrawals, as well as missing Dane Cook's latest updates, but promises no more "fake feuds" with Demi Lovato.

Cyrus was leaving Twitter while she was on top. According to data from BigChampagne, Cyrus had the third-most Twitter followers among musicians as of Oct. 6, with more than 2.2 million users tracking her updates. Only Britney Spears and John Mayer had more.

But Cyrus and Love aren't the only high-profile musicians to disappear from the site. British singer Lily Allen, who ranks No. 9 among active Twitter musicians, hasn't updated

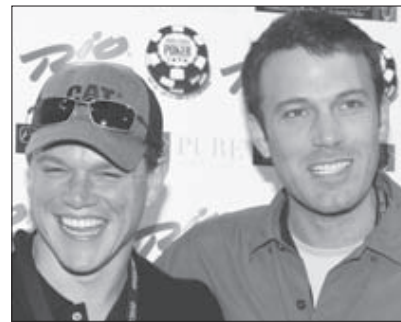


AP

Cyrus: See ya, Twitter.

It appears Cyrus would agree.

— Todd Martens/Los Angeles Times



AP file

Matt Damon, left, and Ben Affleck

Affleck, Damon friends, cousins

It seems Matt Damon and Ben Affleck are more than childhood pals and Hollywood collaborators.

According to the New England Genealogical Society, they're also cousins. Tenth cousins, once removed, that is.

Society researchers dug up evidence that both Damon and Affleck are descended from William Knowlton Jr. He was a bricklayer who came to the U.S. from England in the 1630s and settled in Ipswich.

The society said Friday that Affleck has lots of other famous relatives, including 16 U.S. presidents — Barack Obama among them. Affleck and Damon were friends growing up in the Boston area and teamed up as writers and co-stars for the 1997 film "Good Will Hunting."

Graham joins 'Parenthood'

NBC Universal is confirming that Lauren Graham has joined the cast of NBC's upcoming series "Parenthood."

Graham, best known from the longrunning "Gilmore Girls," steps into the "Parenthood" ensemble as a replacement for Maura Tierney. Tierney was forced to drop out of the series this summer after being diagnosed with breast cancer, for which she continues to get treatment.

Originally slotted for a fall premiere, "Parenthood" is now set to debut in early 2010. NBC said Monday that production begins in mid-November.

Simon sues Starbucks

Singer Carly Simon is suing Starbucks Corp., saying the coffee company's now-defunct music venture didn't adequately promote her 2008 album, dooming the record before it was even released.

The singer, whose biggest success came during the 1970s and '80s with hits like "You're So Vain" and "Anticipation," is seeking unspecified damages related to the release of the 14-track "This Kind of Love" in April 2008.

In a lawsuit filed Friday with California's Los Angeles County Superior Court, Simon and her attorneys said the album wasn't available in "a substantial number" of Starbucks stores during the key early months following its release. Later, when the disc was stocked in Starbucks locations, the Seattle-based company slashed the price.

UNICEF honors Bloom

UNICEF has named **Orlando Bloom** its goodwill ambassador in recognition of his commitment to children's rights around the world. Bloom, best known for his roles in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Lord of the Rings" films, has supported UNICEF's work since 2007, when he first visited schools in impoverished districts of Nepal.

— The Associated Press

So they think they can sing

The latest Juliette Lewis album came out Sept. 1. Scarlett Johansson's second record comes out this week. Lindsay Lohan appears to be on a musical hiatus, but there's bad news, as well: San Francisco Giants pitcher Barry Zito has reportedly been spending time in the studio ...

One of the most unfortunate (some might say excruciating) trends among celebrities is the ever-increasing desire by actors, athletes and even politicians to step into a recording studio. But for every 20 atrocious albums by

AP

Scarlett Johansson is already releasing her second music album.

Don Johnson, Kelly Osbourne and Shaquille O'Neal, a single celebrity will emerge who doesn't make you want to stab your ear canals with a knitting needle. This is a tribute to those second-act musicians — who

These already-famous folks prove they're worth a listen

beat the odds and somehow manage not to stink.

We list five celebs whose musical output has been solid — or at least deserves a little more credit.

Our rules are complicated. Anyone who was a professional singer before they became an actor, such as Barbra Streisand or Frank Sinatra, doesn't qualify for the list.

Celebrities who put out one track on a charity album or have their music leaked surreptitiously don't make the cut. Artists who are deliberately attempting to be funny, ironic or intentionally campy — including Jack Black, all of the members of Spinal Tap and any former "Star Trek" cast member — also weren't included.

Jada Pinkett Smith

Sounds like: Rob Halford meets Nell Carter

If I'm married to Will Smith and his 100 gazillion dollars, I would be poolside 24/7, occasionally popping my head up from my four-gimlet lunch to ask the nannies if the kids are OK. Instead, Jada Pinkett Smith started the completely tolerable nu metal band Wicked Wisdom — which is about to release its third album.

Minnie Driver

Sounds like: Natalie Merchant meets Vonda Shepard

Honestly, this actress isn't offering much. But she's still leagues better than most actress-turned-singers, with an above-average voice and a nice stage presence. Driver can actually sing. How do you like them apples?

Jim Nabors

Sounds like: Paul Anka meets Andrea Bocelli

We bought one of his Christmas albums as a joke a few years back, lured by his lime-green sweater and white pants on the CD cover photo, and darn it if Gomer didn't have an amazing set of pipes. Holiday music is his forte, but Nabors has covered everything from "The Impossible Dream" to "Sunrise, Sunset" with soaring results.

Wayman Tisdale

Sounds like: Wayman Tisdale

A lot of people hear the words "smooth jazz bass guitarist" and run for the hills. But no matter what kind of music you like, this NBA player-turned-touring musician was a gifted ambassador for both of his professions.

Steven Seagal

Sounds like: Robbie Robertson meets Bruce Willis

What could have been apocalyptically bad — Seagal's past two albums were called "Songs From the Crystal Cave" and "Mojo Priest" — is actually kind of enjoyable. Seagal's singing and simple blues guitar are not without flaws but still greatly underappreciated.

— Peter Hartlaub/San Francisco Chronicle



WIRED WORLD

FBI agents delve into DMV photos in search of fugitives

By MIKE BAKER
The Associated Press

In its search for fugitives, the FBI has begun using facial-recognition technology on millions of motorists, comparing driver's license photos with pictures of convicts in a high-tech analysis of chin widths and nose sizes.

The project in North Carolina has already helped nab at least one suspect. Agents are eager to look for more criminals and possibly to expand the effort nationwide. But privacy advocates worry that the method allows authorities to track people who have done nothing wrong.

"Everybody's participating, essentially, in a virtual lineup by getting a driver's license," said Christopher Calabrese, an attorney who focuses on privacy issues at the American Civil Liberties Union.

Earlier this year, investigators learned that a double-homicide suspect named Rodolfo Corrales had moved to North Carolina. The FBI took a 1991 booking photo from California and compared it with 30 million photos stored by the motor vehicle agency in Raleigh.

"[Licenses] started as a permission to drive. Now you need them to open a bank account. You need them to be identified everywhere. And suddenly they're becoming the de facto law enforcement database."

Christopher Calabrese
American Civil Liberties
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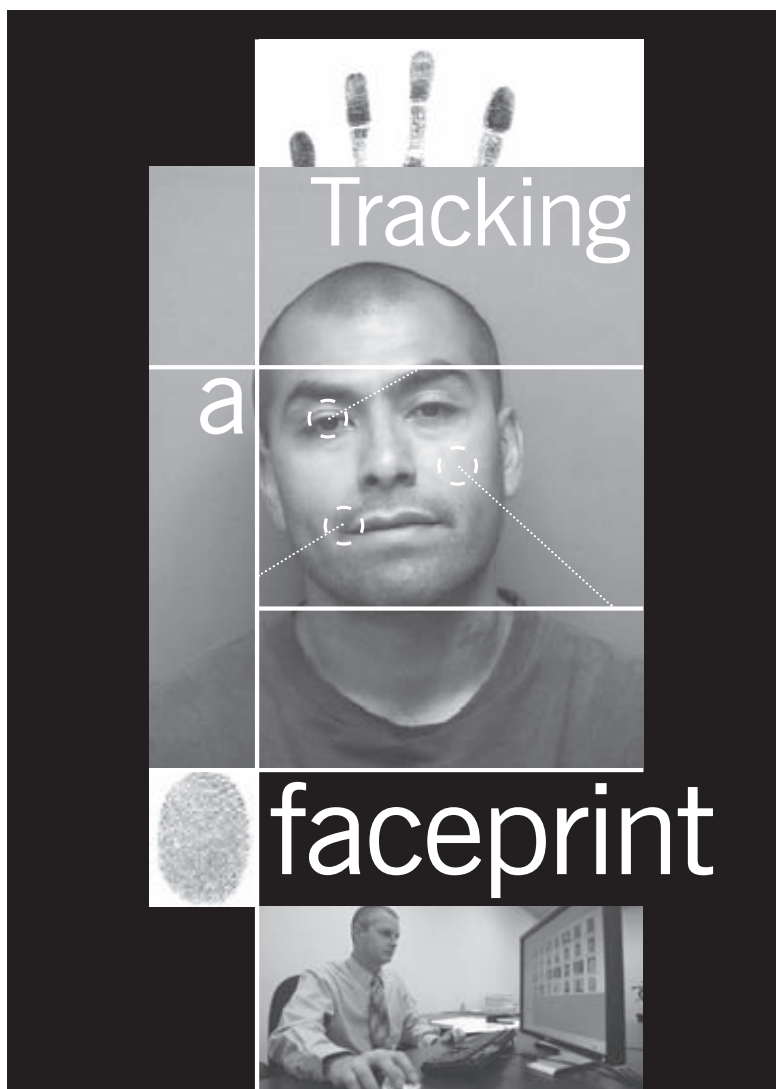
In seconds, the search returned dozens of drivers who resembled Corrales, and an FBI analyst reviewed a gallery of images before zeroing in on a man who called himself Jose Solis.

A week later, after corroborating Corrales' identity, agents arrested him in High Point, southwest of Greensboro, where they believe he had built a new life under the assumed name. Corrales is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in Los Angeles later this month.

"Running facial recognition is not very labor-intensive at all," analyst Michael Garcia said. "If I can probe a hundred fugitives and get one or two, that's a home run."

Facial-recognition software is not entirely new, but the North Carolina project is the first major step for the FBI as it considers expanding use of the technology to find fugitives nationwide.

So-called biometric information that is unique to each person also includes fingerprints and DNA. More distant possibilities include iris patterns in the eye, voices,



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Top: This June photo provided by the High Point, N.C., Police Department shows Rodolfo Ramirez Corrales. The FBI used facial-recognition software to capture Corrales, a double homicide suspect, after they received a tip that he had moved to North Carolina. Above: Stephen Lamm, supervisor with the ID Fraud Unit of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, looks through photos in the facial-recognition system.

scent and even a person's gait.

FBI officials have organized a panel of authorities to study how best to increase use of the software. It will take at least a year to establish standards for license photos, and there's no timetable to roll out the program nationally.

Calabrese said Americans should be

concerned about how their driver's licenses are being used.

Licenses "started as a permission to drive," he said. "Now you need them to open a bank account. You need them to be identified everywhere. And suddenly they're becoming the de facto law enforcement database."

State and federal laws allow driver's license agencies to release records for law enforcement, and local agencies have access to North Carolina's database, too. But the FBI is not authorized to collect and store the photos. That means the facial-recognition analysis must be done at the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles.

"Unless the person's a criminal, we would not have a need to have that information in the system," said Kim Del Greco, who oversees the FBI's biometrics division. "I think that would be a privacy concern. We're staying away from that."

Dan Roberts, assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division, added: "We're not interested in housing a bunch of photos of people who have done absolutely nothing wrong."

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FBI's biometrics division

North Carolina's lab scans an image and, within 10 seconds, compares the likeness with other photos based on an algorithm. The search returns several hundred photos ranked by the similarities.

"We'll get some close hits, and we'll get some hits that are right on," said Stephen Lamm, who oversees the DMV lab.

The technology allowed the DMV to quickly highlight 28 different photos of one man who was apparently using many identities. It also identified one person who, as part of a sex change, came in with plucked eyebrows, long flowing hair and a new name — but the same radiant smile.

The system is not always right. Investigators used one DMV photo of an Associated Press reporter to search for a second DMV photo, but the system first returned dozens of other people, including a North Carolina terrorism suspect who had some similar facial features.

The images from the reporter and terror suspect scored a likeness of 72 percent, below the mid-80s that officials consider a solid hit.

Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, questioned whether the facial-recognition systems that were pushed after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks are accurate or even worthwhile.

"We don't have good photos of terrorists," Rotenberg said. "Most of the facial-recognition systems today are built on state DMV records because that's where the good photos are. It's not where the terrorists are."

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YOUR MONEY



A woman tours a home for sale in Menlo Park, Calif. Starting Nov. 1 or Dec. 12, depending on the type of loan, anybody with a credit score of less than 620 will have a very difficult time getting a mortgage.

Tips for navigating new mortgage rules

By GREGORY KARP
The (Allentown, Pa.) Morning Call

With low mortgage rates and a federal incentive for first-time homebuyers, you might be enticed to buy a place or refinance the one you're in.

But new regulations on brokers, appraisers and mortgage lenders have changed the rules for getting or refinancing a mortgage. Some rules went into effect this month, and others will kick in soon.

"Over the past year, getting a mortgage as a buyer or when refinancing has become more arduous and more expensive," said Dale Robyn Siegel, author of "The

New Rules for Mortgages."

Here are a few tips, some accounting for fallout from the credit crisis:

Don't use a mortgage broker unless you need hand holding. In the past, brokers typically shopped your loan to multiple lenders, which was a big help. But new regulations have hamstrung their ability to efficiently shop for the best deal. Among them is a rule that lenders can't accept home appraisals commissioned by brokers. So, you'll have to pay for new appraisals with each lender, which costs time and money.

Shape up your credit. You barely needed to fog a mirror to get a mortgage or refinance a few years ago. Today, it's different. Starting Nov. 1 or Dec. 12, depending on the type of loan, anybody with a credit score of less

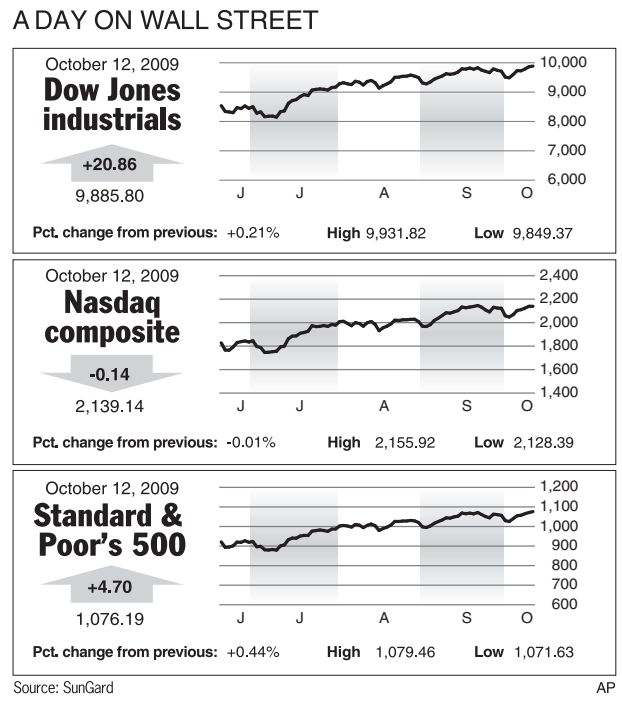
than 620 will have a very difficult time getting a mortgage. That's because government-backed mortgage financier Fannie Mae is tightening lending standards to the 620 benchmark, even for loans backed by a federal agency such as the Federal Housing Administration or Veterans Affairs.

Get a fixed-rate mortgage. The vast majority of buyers and refinancers are better off with a rate that won't change, Siegel and Vermillion agree.

"Why are you taking out an adjustable-rate mortgage that's going to change in five years when you can take out a 30-year fixed and never think about it again?" Siegel said.

With a primary residence, it's usually best to think long term, and that means a fixed-rate mortgage.

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Military rates	
Japanese yen (Oct. 14)	87.00
South Korean won (Oct. 14)	1,140.00
Euro costs (Oct. 14)	\$1.5237
Dollar buys (Oct. 14)	€ 0.6563
British pound (Oct. 14)	\$1.62
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	3770
British pound	\$1.5828
Canada (Dollar)	1.0339
China (Yuan)	6.8277
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Euro	\$1.4817/6749
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Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
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Read fine print when looking for new credit card

By CANDICE CHOI
The Associated Press

Shopping for a credit card is a lot more complicated than it used to be.

That might be a hard pill to swallow if your terms were unfavorably tweaked in the past year and you're itching to take your business elsewhere. You may find other banks aren't clamoring to steal you away.

If you don't believe it, just check your mail.

This year, the number of credit card offers sent to households is forecast to sink 60 percent to 1.5 billion, after falling 71 percent last year, according to market research firm Synovate.

That said, banks still want the best customers, and even those with spotty credit histories have options.

Either way, it's best to do your homework before rashly closing an account or trying to open a new one.

To size up your desirability as a customer, start by checking your credit report.

You're entitled to one free report a year from each of the credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. If your report lists any collections, you can bet your score won't be great.

Your report won't give your actual score, however; you need to pay \$10 or more for that, depending on the agency.

Or you can go to myFico.com and pay \$15.95, which also gets you access to a calculator that lets you see how actions, such as paying off a debt, would improve your score.

If you don't want to pay, you can take a quiz at CreditCards.com to get an estimate of the range you might fall into. Of course, the results might be off significantly since the 10 questions are broad, and you may inadvertently misreport your credit history.

Regardless of which path you choose, your score will generally fall into the categories of excellent (750 or higher), good (660 to 749), fair (620 to 659) and poor (350 to 619).

Getting a new card shouldn't be a problem for anyone with excellent credit.

If your credit is fair to good, you can probably get approved for a major bank card, but your interest rate might be as much

as 8 percentage points higher than someone with excellent credit. For example, you might be charged a 20 percent APR, instead of 12 percent.

You can probably still get a card if you have a poor credit score. But expect a slew of fees that might not make it worthwhile.

Before you apply, consider whether you also might be seeking a mortgage or car loan in the next year.

Applying for a new card can shave a few points off your score, since it generally gets dinged when your report reflects that you've sought additional credit.

The same is true if you open a new card, since the new account will bring down the average length of your credit history.

For the near term, however, a difference of just a few points could end up costing you, or determining whether you even

1.5 BILLION

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qualify for a loan.

Once you determine that you're ready for a new card, figure out what you want out of it.

If you're prone to carrying a balance, for example, your top priority should be a low interest rate.

Also be on the lookout for balance-transfer fees; many banks now charge up to 5 percent, instead of the 3 percent fees from a year ago, McBride said. Some banks also are removing the limits on those fees.

If you pay off your bill every month, on the other hand, interest rates have no bearing on you and the world of rewards opens up. All you have to decide is whether you want cash back, merchandise or miles.

If you've got a bad credit score, one option is a secured credit card.

The catch is that you'll need to put down a deposit equal to the amount of your credit line, and you'll likely be charged a membership fee (around \$50) and a setup fee (around \$70 to \$100).

The upshot is that a secured card is a way to rebuild your credit history. After about a year or so, the bank will likely start giving you more favorable terms.

Otherwise, your odds of getting a card with a major bank aren't good if your score is less than fair. And you need to be wary of the unsecured cards available to those with poor credit.

California recognizes gay activist Harvey Milk

By DON THOMPSON
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Slain gay rights activist Harvey Milk will get a special day of recognition in California, making him only the second person in state history — in addition to conservationist John Muir — to gain such a designation.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's signing of the bill establishing "Harvey Milk Day" each May 22, Milk's birthday, was announced Monday.

The Republican governor vetoed similar legislation a year ago.

In the interim, Milk was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in August and was the subject of a movie for which Sean Penn won the Academy Award for best actor.

Penn spoke out in favor of the bill last spring, saying he didn't want to insult Schwarzenegger's intelligence by assuming the governor would again oppose creating Harvey Milk Day.

"He has become much more of a symbol of the gay community than he was a year ago because of those things," Schwarzenegger spokesman Aaron McLearn said. "That made the difference

from last year: He's really come to symbolize the gay community in California."

In his veto message a year ago, the Republican governor said Milk should be honored locally by those who were most impacted by his contributions. He did not write a signing message this year saying why he flip-flopped.

Milk was a leader in the gay rights movement who was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. The bill said he was

the nation's first openly gay man elected to public office in a major U.S. city.



Milk

A year later, Milk played a prominent role in defeat of the so-called Briggs Initiative, a ballot proposition that would have prevented gays and lesbians from teaching in the state's public schools.

In November 1978, a few weeks after the election, he and Mayor George Moscone were assassinated at City Hall by former supervisor Dan White, who

had resigned his seat but wanted it back.

White was angry at Moscone for refusing his request and at Milk because he had been among those lobbying the mayor against reappointing White.

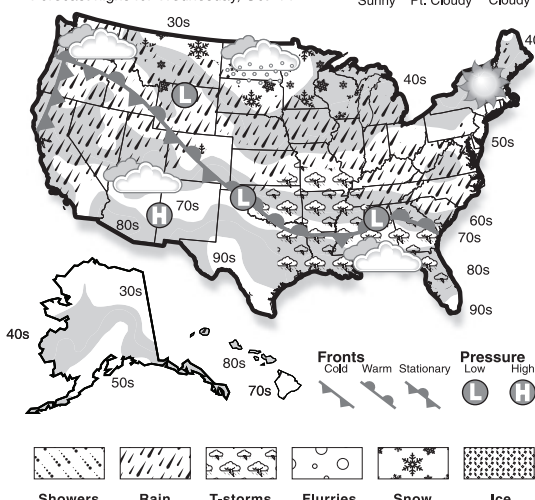
"Harvey Milk Day" will not be a formal state holiday, so government employees will not be given the day off. The bill instead calls for the day to be observed by public schools as a day of special significance.

Teachers will be encouraged to conduct exercises recalling Milk's life and contributions to the state.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Oct. 14



Wet Weather Persists In West And Southeast

Disturbances from the Pacific will continue to produce showery weather throughout West, while low pressure kicks up mixed precipitation in the Central US. Showers and storms will persist in the Southeast and areas of the Mid-Atlantic.

Weather Underground • AP

Tuesday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	59	46	Rain	La Paz	66	28	Clr
Athens	78	55	pc	Lima	69	57	pc
Auckland	60	46	pc	Lisbon	89	71	Clr
Baghdad	98	73	Clr	London	60	46	Clr
Basra	102	69	Clr	Madrid	81	51	Clr
Bahrain	90	81	Clr	Managua	91	75	Rain
Bangkok	88	78	Rain	Manila	93	76	pc
Barbados	88	75	Clr	Mexico City	75	55	Rain
Barcelona	79	62	Clr	Montevideo	59	48	Clr
Beijing	73	48	Rain	Montreal	50	32	Rain
Beirut	83	70	Clr	Moscow	51	33	Rain
Belgrade	70	50	Rain	Nairobi	81	50	Clr
Berlin	50	41	Rain	Nassau	91	77	Rain
Bermuda	80	73	Rain	New Delhi	93	69	Clr
Bogota	64	48	pc	Nice	75	60	Clr
Brasilia	83	65	Rain	Osaka	73	51	Clr
Brisbane	77	53	Rain	Oslo	43	32	Rain
Brussels	59	48	Rain	Panama	87	75	Rain
Bucharest	63	54	Rain	Paris	60	46	pc
Budapest	53	48	Rain	Perth	67	45	pc
Buenos Aires	65	53	Cldy	Prague	50	41	Rain
Cairo	88	71	Clr	Rio de Janeiro	91	66	Clr
Calgary	23	2	Snow	Rome	69	51	Rain
Caracas	93	80	Clr	San Jose	84	65	Rain
Colombo	86	73	Rain	San Juan	88	78	Rain
Copenhagen	48	39	pc	San Salvador	89	71	Clr
Dahran	100	75	Clr	Sao Paulo	82	65	Rain
Dhaka	88	76	Clr	Sapporo	63	39	Clr
Dili	93	69	Clr	Seoul	68	48	pc
Dubai	99	77	Clr	Singapore	88	75	Rain
Dublin	59	37	Clr	Sofia	71	55	Rain
Frankfurt	55	46	Rain	Stockholm	44	35	Rain
Geneva	56	48	Rain	Sydney	74	52	pc
Guatemala	80	62	pc	Taipei	75	71	Rain
Hanoi	90	77	Clr	Tegucigalpa	86	59	pc
Harare	72	58	Clr	Tehran	78	60	Clr
Havana	91	73	Clr	Tel Aviv	85	67	Clr
Helsinki	38	33	Snow	Tokyo	69	60	pc
Hong Kong	84	77	Rain	Turin	64	48	Clr
Islamabad	90	60	Clr	Toronto	44	33	pc
Istanbul	73	59	Clr	Tunis	78	53	Rain
Jakarta	93	75	Rain	Valletta	75	65	Rain
Jerusalem	85	67	Clr	Vancouver	54	32	Cldy
Johannesburg	75	55	Rain	Vienna	52	46	Rain
Kabul	75	44	Clr	Warsaw	54	44	Rain
Kiev	60	49	Rain	Zurich	54	39	Rain
Kuala Lumpur	88	77	pc				
Kuwait	100	69	Clr				

THURSDAY'S FORECAST



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Wednesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	54	32	Cldy	Erie	49	38	Cldy	Jacksonville	85	71	Rain	Montgomery	76	67	Rain	Richmond	52	47	Cldy	Spokane	54	38	Rain
Abilene, Tex.	89	62	Cldy	Charleston, S.C.	71	62	Rain	Eugene	61	45	Rain	Juneau	43	27	Clr	Nashville	61	54	Rain	Roanoke	49	49	Rain	Springfield, Ill.	48	41	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	50	33	Cldy	Charleston, W.Va.	54	42	Rain	Evansville	54	46	Rain	Kansas City	49	43	Cldy	New Orleans	87	75	Rain	Rochester	43	34	Cldy	Springfield, Mo.	59	47	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	51	33	PCldy	Charlotte, N.C.	54	52	Rain	Fairbanks	50	30	PCldy	Key West	90	83	PCldy	New York City	55	42	PCldy	Rockford	45	36	Cldy	Syracuse	47	35	Cldy
Albuquerque	76	51	Clr	Chattanooga	64	59	Rain	Fargo	38	30	Cldy	Knoxville	58	53	Rain	Newark	55	41	PCldy	Sacramento	70	58	Rain	Tallahassee	84	72	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	54	35	PCldy	Cheyenne	53	36	Cldy	Flagstaff	62	39	PCldy	Lake Charles	89	76	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	57	54	Cldy	St. Louis	55	43	Cldy	Tampa	89	78	PCldy
Amarillo	79	51	PCldy	Chicago	46	40	Cldy	Flint	48	30	Cldy	Lansing	48	33	Cldy	North Platte	44	28	Cldy	St. Petersburg	88	80	PCldy	Toledo	54	37	Cldy
Anchorage	46	40	Clr	Cincinnati	53	42	Cldy	Fort Smith	64	53	Rain	Las Vegas	77	62	PCldy	Oklahoma City	69	54	Cldy	St. Thomas	87	78	PCldy	Topeka	53	42	Rain
Asheville	51	50	Rain	Cleveland	50	37	Cldy	Fort Wayne	50	37	Cldy	Lexington	56	44	Rain	Omaha	45	34	Rain	Salem, Ore.	59	45	Rain	Tucson	86	59	Clr
Atlanta	64	62	Rain	Colorado Springs	65	36	Cldy	Fresno	72	59	Rain	Lincoln	46	34	Rain	Orlando	90	73	PCldy	Salt Lake City	63	50	Rain	Tulsa	60	50	Rain
Atlantic City	56	38	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	61	56	Rain	Goodland	52	35	Cldy	Little Rock	65	56	Cldy	Paducah	58	49	Cldy	San Angelo	90	64	Cldy	Tupelo	71	61	Rain
Austin	89	74	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	73	67	Rain	Grand Junction	65	42	Cldy	Los Angeles	68	61	Rain	Pendleton	60	41	Rain	San Antonio	89	75	Cldy	Waco	86	71	Cldy
Baltimore	55	40	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	52	37	Cldy	Grand Rapids	49	33	Cldy	Louisville	57	45	Rain	Peoria	47	40	Cldy	San Diego	70	64	Cldy	Washington, D.C.	55	46	Cldy
Baton Rouge	86	73	Rain	Concord, N.H.	51	30	PCldy	Great Falls	40	28	Snow	Lubbock	88	58	PCldy	Philadelphia	57	42	PCldy	San Francisco	69	58	Cldy	W. Palm Beach	91	77	PCldy
Billings	45	31	Cldy	Corpus Christi	93	76	PCldy	Green Bay	45	35	Cldy	Macon	70	65	Rain	Phoenix	88	65	PCldy	San Jose	71	58	Cldy	Wichita	55	46	Cldy
Birmingham	71	60	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	82	67	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	50	49	Rain	Madison	47	33	Cldy	Pittsburgh	52	34	Cldy	San Juan, P.R.	88	77	Rain	Wichita Falls	80	60	Cldy
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Boston	53	39	Clr	Denver	56	35	Cldy	Helena	51	29	Snow	Miami Beach	92	79	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	60	47	Rain	Savannah	75	64	Rain	Yakima	57	34	Rain
Bridgeport	53	41	PCldy	Des Moines	44	35	Cldy	Honolulu	85	72	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	91	63	PCldy	Providence	54	38	Clr	Seattle	61	49	Rain	Yonkers	50	32	Cldy
Brownsville	93	76	Cldy	Detroit	50	37	Cldy	Houston	89	75	Cldy	Milwaukee	45	37	Cldy	Pueblo	73	35	Clr	Shreveport	83	70	Rain				
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

It's pride, not arrogance

In response to the Oct. 7 letter "Flight suit was best for wings" and the subsequent responses on Oct. 12 ("All service-members play a part," "It's about missions, not wings" and "Dedication: The uniform trait"), I did not take the lieutenant's Oct. 6 letter to mean "I'm better than everyone because I'm a pilot." I also never heard him mention that he's going to have a hard time in the dating world due to losing his "cool flight suit." I heard a lieutenant who is proud to be an Army aviator and is proud to serve with others who are a cut above the rest. (Yes, I said it — "a cut above the rest.")

Army officials didn't make the process of becoming a pilot strenuous because they thought it would be fun. There is a reason why the whole process — from selection through flight training — accepts only the applicants who cannot just meet standards, but exceed standards. Everything from your flight physical to your Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) score all the way up to the Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test (AFAST) score has to be top-notch. If you just meet the standard, you'll more than likely get your flight packet back stamped "qualified non-select."

My brothers and sisters on the ground, when you see that bird landing on top of your red smoke, do not worry about the pilots who are upset about our now-fourth change to the Army flight suit; worry about those pilots who couldn't care less to be proud of what they do and what they had to do to get in that seat. If you're an Army aviator who isn't proud to have the job you have, or not proud to wear the wings that took you almost two years to earn, then switch branches. Get out of my cockpit. Tell the Special Forces guys that they shouldn't be proud to wear their Green Berets. See what kind of response you get out of that.

Chief Warrant Officer 2
Michael Shacklee
Mannheim, Germany

Best option? Keep 'don't ask'

Regarding the Oct. 14 letter "Policy shift logistically difficult": I agree 100 percent

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with the letter writer but I think a more important and potentially dangerous question that needs to be addressed is what will be the limit of "asking" and "telling"?

Are we going to start celebrating homosexual awareness month? (We have one for everything else, why discriminate?) Despite what views some may have, there have been contributions to society by homosexuals that are just as important, though less publicly known, as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s. Are we going to have the religious zealots screaming about sin constantly now? How are we going to integrate religion and homosexuality? Is there going to be a policy in place similar to the conscientious objector status that allows soldiers to leave the military based on religious views on homosexuality?

We need to focus on the cultural impact this [policy shift, if made] is going to have and how the Army is going to deal with that. We haven't been able to tackle the racial discrimination issues yet, and it's been a few decades. Are we ready to add this to it as well?

I have always believed in the policy of "come with solutions, not problems" but, in this case, I can't see any solutions other

than to leave the current "don't ask, don't tell" policy in place. Let's be adults and accept that there are homosexual men and women serving in the military and leave it at that.

It's not the best policy, but it's the best we have to choose from.

Staff Sgt. Nick Stansberry
U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, Germany

Not so logistically difficult

I would like to offer a few answers to the questions posed in the Oct. 14 letter "Policy shift logistically difficult": Those questions do not seem to be ignored on this page but rather often reasked and reanswered.

Let's not overanalyze the situation of where will homosexual sailors, soldiers, Marines and airmen sleep and shower. They will sleep and shower where they currently do, alongside their fellow comrades. I'm sure on a daily basis I come into contact with someone who is gay. It is not going to affect my readiness or my mission if I were to learn that a woman who happens to shower when I do is a homosexual. It will not change the way I feel about taking my shower to get ready for the day. It will not affect my mission if she works as my superior, peer or subordinate — as long as she executes her mission to the best of her ability. I do not believe what we are afraid of is where "these people" will sleep and shower. We are afraid of is how it will make us feel once we know.

Allowing gays to serve openly in the military will raise a bunch of unanswered questions. Such as: Will they be allowed to marry? Will their family and partner's children be covered under Tricare and other benefits if they can marry? When the current policy is rewritten, these are the issues that will be follow-on effects to discuss.

The perceived series of problems rests more in the minds of those who disagree with that lifestyle, but we aren't reinventing the wheel here. Many other leading countries allow for homosexuals to serve openly in their militaries. I don't think it is such a problem that it requires "gay" showers and lodging.

Cpl. Amanda Slugay
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Weapons failure at a dangerous time

Scripps Howard editorial

Inevitably, in any war questions arise about the quality and reliability of the weapons issued to the troops. And the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are no exception.

The Associated Press reports that a study by a U.S. military historian of a battle in 2008, in which the Taliban surrounded a remote outpost in Afghanistan, raises the question: Do U.S. armed forces have the best guns money can buy?

"Despite the military's insistence that they do, a small but vocal number of troops

in Afghanistan and Iraq has complained that the standard-issue M-4 rifles need too much maintenance and jam at the worst possible times," the AP wrote.

The M-4 is an updated version of the Vietnam-era M-16. Similar questions have been raised about the heavier M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon, which, along with the M-4, is a standard weapon for small units.

In that attack at Wanat a year ago July, nine U.S. soldiers were killed and 27 wounded. A study by a historian from the Army Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., found instances in that battle

of weapons seizing up when they had been fired until the barrels were white-hot.

The soldiers at Wanat insisted that their weapons had been meticulously cleaned, cared for and inspected. One would surmise that as much as these weapons are used, the failure rate is statistically very low, but that's no great comfort when the Taliban come swarming out of the hills.

The failures at Wanat require a thorough investigation by weapons experts. ... It's not enough that the weapons have to be superb; the soldiers carrying them have to have faith that they are.

By GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Reading between lines of Obama's poetry

BY JONAH GOLDBERG
Tribune Media Services

"All bad poetry springs from genuine feeling," Oscar Wilde once remarked.

Irving Kristol took Wilde's observation and ran with it. "The amateur's feelings are sincere enough — why else should he be writing poetry? — but he takes the writing of poetry to be more important than the poem itself," Kristol noted in his influential 1972 essay, "Symbolic Politics and Liberal Reform." "For him, writing poetry is a kind of symbolic action, in which he liberates his most earnest sentiments, and it is in this impatient action and in this instant liberation that he seeks fulfillment."

The successful poet, meanwhile, understands that good poetry is ultimately not about the experience of the author but of the reader. "He understands that a plea of sincerity is of no account in the ultimate court of literary judgment, which will look at the poem itself and simply ask: Does it work?"

"It seems to me," Kristol wrote, "that the politics of liberal reform, in recent years, shows many of the same characteristics as amateur poetry. It has been more concerned with the kind of symbolic action that gratifies the passions of the reformer than with the efficacy of the reforms themselves."

Kristol — who died last month, prompting me to reread him — dubbed this heart-on-your-sleeve approach the "New Politics," and he lamented that it had taken over the Democratic Party.

For Kristol, the "outstanding characteristic" of the New Politics was its "insistence on the overwhelming importance of revealing, in the public realm, one's intense feelings — we must 'care,' we must 'be concerned,' we must be 'committed.'"

Unsurprisingly, this goes along with an immense indifference to consequences."

During the 1990s, Bill Clinton represented the high-water mark of the New Politics. Clinton bit his lip, rheumied up his eyes on cue and conveyed a warm fog of empathy wherever he went. If in trouble, his first instinct wasn't to defend results but to testify (his critics would call it whining) about how he'd been "working so hard."

In 2000, his wife, Hillary, one-upped him as a master of the New Politics, winning a Senate seat as a carpetbagger by telling New Yorkers the only issue in the race was which candidate would be the most concerned about the issues that concern New Yorkers.

That same year, the New Politics became bipartisan. Contrary to claims from both its left-wing critics and right-wing fans, President George W. Bush's "compassionate conservatism" was not an alternative to Clinton's feel-your-pain liberalism; it was a Republican version of it. Unlike his father, W. was obsessed with convincing voters, particularly swing voters, that he cared, that he was a "different kind of conservative." When somebody hurts, he said, government has to move. By the end of his presidency, compassionate conservatism was in tatters. The left couldn't spot any compassion; the right couldn't identify much conservatism.

But Bush succeeded in conjuring forth the greatest expression of the New Politics in living memory: Barack Obama. Whether it was good or bad, one thing was clear about his candidacy: It was all about the poetry of "genuine feeling." The man himself may have been cool and aloof, but supporting him was a statement of passion, of self-image. He made supporters feel good about themselves. "We are the ones we've been waiting for," he said. "We are



the change that we seek." Obama insisted that his rhetoric wasn't "just words" but something greater, more profound — certainly not the "bad poetry" that Wilde and Kristol attacked. But it was hard to find the substance. "What's troubling about the campaign," warned liberal historian Sean Wilentz, "is that it's gone beyond hope and change to redemption."

The campaign officially ended in November, but Obama has spent much of his presidency acting as if he hadn't gotten the news. The problem is that Obama's New Politics approach is great for a presidential campaign, and it can even work for a presidency — when times are going well, as they were in the 1990s. But when times are tough, as they are now, Americans

want decisions, action, progress.

That is certainly the case for the president's own political base, which seemed almost as annoyed with his Nobel Peace Prize as his opponents did. They want to stop celebrating his potential and start celebrating his accomplishments — which means getting something more concrete than words on health care, jobs, the war and, increasingly, gay rights. And if that spells the end of "New Politics," then good riddance.

Obama's feelings are both sincere and genuine, as Wilde and Kristol would say. But we are at the point at which the gifted poet must distinguish himself from the amateur. Is the poetry a means to an actual end? Or is it all there is?

Lion's share of work to save species not yet done

BY DERECK JOUBERT

Just 50 years ago there were close to a half-million lions in Africa — about 450,000 in all. Today there are between 16,000 and 23,000. And yet, unlike elephants (a far more numerous species), lions have no protection under the international accord governing such matters.

Big cats are in trouble everywhere. The number of tigers has dipped below 3,000. Indeed, as we look at the lion population today, it's the shadow of the tiger's history that scares me most. Tiger bones are used extensively in the East for medicines and mythological (read nonsense) cures for ailments or limp libidos, and the demand is increasing. A growing demand and a disappearing supply is a formula for disaster.

The solution we are seeing play out is a switch from tiger bones to lion bones, which can be easily sold off as tiger bones. It's ironic that the most famous animal in Africa, perhaps in the world, can't even be poached on its own value but only as a "mock tiger."

This week the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) is meeting to decide whether lions, whose numbers have declined by 50 percent in the past 20 years, are worthy of protection under Appendix I to the convention: the listing of the most endangered animals. The problem is that the safari hunting industry and buyers in Asia are opposing it, because such a decree would limit what they can do with the trophies. Fact: Appendix I does not mean you can't shoot a lion — it means you can't import the skin

to hang on the wall. And the answer to the question we are asked a thousand times is: Yes, you can still go to Africa to kill a lion.

CITES needs a country to sponsor the motion for lion protection. We can't, so far, get one to put its hand up first, to take on the issue and save lions. No one will risk offending big safari hunting lobbies. It would seem that many are just not thinking this through. Extinction threatens by the year 2020. Then there will be no lions to hunt, or to protect.

(Meanwhile another ominous development poses a further threat to wildlife. A pesticide is being used by poachers to kill lions and many other animals. Sprinkled

on meat, it kills lions, hyenas, vultures and other creatures in minutes.)

We don't have much time. The biggest threat isn't hunters, poachers or poison makers — it is our own complacency, the lazy hope that someone else is taking care of the great beasts of Africa.

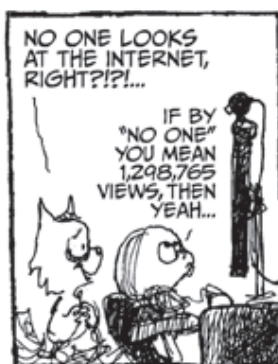
Lions and other large predators are disappearing even as we learn more about the collapse of entire ecosystems. The \$200 billion a year reaped from ecotourism will be lost, causing suffering among communities all over Africa that rely on this trade.

As explorers in residence at National Geographic, my wife, Beverly, and I are calling on everyone with even a remote in-

terest in big cats, or in Africa, to make sure that these wild systems keep working well. Scientists, conservationists — everyone — must come together, work together and support this effort now: the Big Cats Initiative. It's a movement that doesn't want to exclude a single soul or leave out any idea on how to reduce the conflict. We have a short window of time in which we can remedy this. It is closing very rapidly.

Dereck Joubert and his wife, Beverly Joubert, are National Geographic explorers in residence. They have spent years making films and writing about the big cats of Africa. To view some of their photos and films, visit <http://www.wildlifeconservationfilms.com>. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/bigcats>. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

Prickly City



BY SCOTT STANTIS

Man found asleep with corpse

TX HOUSTON — Authorities say a Houston man found asleep with a corpse inside a closet of a vacant Texas home faces misdemeanor drug charges.

Harris County Constable deputies discovered Cody Jean Plant, 21, at the home in Cypress, about 25 miles northwest of Houston. The deputies went to the home after the owner reported hearing voices and seeing signs of forced entry.

Authorities didn't immediately release the dead man's identity.

Assistant Chief Deputy Mark Herman tells the Houston Chronicle that the men appeared to have been taking drugs. He didn't specify what kind.

Eight inmates hurt after fight at Folsom prison

CA FOLSOM — Eight California inmates have been injured after a fight erupted in a dining hall at Folsom State Prison.

Lt. Anthony Gentile with the state corrections department described most of the injuries as bumps and bruises. None was life-threatening, although the inmates were sent to area hospitals.

About 120 prisoners began fist-fighting and hitting each other with food trays. Gentile said guards used pepper spray to end the brawl within 15 minutes.

Inmates were locked in their cells as officials investigate what started the fight. The medium-security prison about 20 miles east of Sacramento holds about 4,000 inmates.

County historical group counts cemeteries

TX LUFKIN — A cemetery count in East Texas is meant to help document decades-old places of burial and identify some of the long dead.

The Angelina County Historical Commission will rely on volunteers to find and compile information on cemeteries, with help from global positioning devices.

Carol Riggs, with the newly formed Friends of the Angelina County Historical Commission, said volunteers also want to locate black cemeteries that are old and not identified on maps.

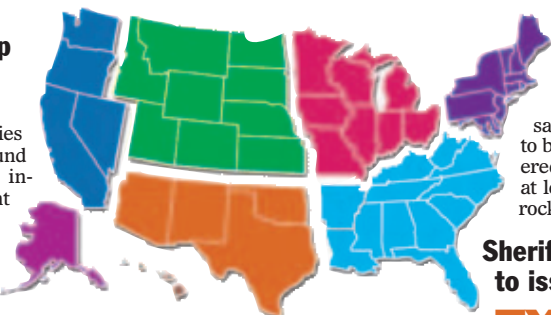
Man sleeps through house fire, survives

PA PITTSBURGH — A suburban Pittsburgh man slept soundly as his home caught on fire and partially collapsed.

It wasn't until firefighters did a walk-through of the home more than two hours later that he woke up.

Ross Township Fire Marshal John Reubi said he was "flabbergasted" that anyone survived the blaze. It broke out around 2:40 a.m. and was reported by a passer-by.

Firefighters were initially unable to search for victims because part of the roof collapsed. Reubi says it appeared the man had no idea what was going on.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Preservationists to work on rusting relic vessel

OH DAYTON — Steam-driven paddle wheel towboats once plied Midwestern rivers by the hundreds, pushing barges to feed the nation's industrial appetite for coal and steel.

But the only intact, steam-driven sternwheel towboat still on the U.S. river system, the W.P. Snyder Jr., is in danger of sinking unless preservationists can tow the vessel to a repair yard downriver to patch up its rusting hull, limboing under low bridges along the way.

Preservationists are preparing for the crucial hull-repair voyage to a shipyard in South Point, Ohio, about 150 miles from Marietta.

Landslide blocks road, forces evacuations

WA NACHES — A massive landslide in central Washington state has blocked a highway, diverted a river and heavily damaged a home.

No injuries have been reported, but authorities tell the Yakima Herald-Republic that residents near the sparsely populated community of Nile were being evacu-

ated because of flooding fears.

The state Department of Transportation said the slide, estimated to be a half-mile long, covered State Route 410 with at least 20 feet of dirt and rocks.

Sheriff declines to issue Tasers

TX FORT WORTH — The sheriff of Tarrant County is bucking the trend of issuing Tasers to his deputies even as Texas' largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies continue to adopt the use of the weapon.

Sheriff Dee Anderson said he was concerned that an officer might cause someone's death with a Taser. Anderson said he conducted his own research in which Tasers were used.

He said in cases where people have health issues or who have used alcohol or drugs, the electric shock could be deadly.

Intoxicated 21-year-old steals ambulance

KS LAWRENCE — Police in the Kansas college town of Lawrence say they have arrested a 21-year-old man who stole an ambulance to get home after a night of drinking.

Lawrence Police Sgt. Susan Hadl says the ambulance crew parked it while responding to a medical emergency in an area filled with bars and specialty shops.

Hadl said the man was intoxicated and believed he had no other way home. He led police on a brief, low-speed chase. The man was arrested on theft of the ambulance and driving under the influence.

USDA: Pecan crop to hit 309 million pounds

LA NEW ORLEANS — Pecan production is expected to reach 309 million pounds this year, up nearly 60 percent from last year's 193.9 million pounds, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

While increased production suggests increased availability — a good thing for those who can't get enough pecan pie at Thanksgiving — continued rainy weather could hurt crop quality in major pecan-growing states.

That could affect pricing at the grocery store.

USDA officials noted in a report that frequent summer rains produced "widespread disease problems" in Georgia, the nation's biggest pecan producer, with an estimated 90 million pounds expected this year.

Crop dusters ask for markings for wind farms

SD MILBANK — Some crop dusters have asked local officials to require markings on the wind measurement towers put up ahead of planned wind farm projects to keep the towers from blending in with the landscape.

Flying 140 mph at low altitudes in a small airplane carries numerous dangers, but the unmarked towers add a danger that could be eased by markings or lighting, said Brian Hauschild, president of the S.D. Aviation Association.



In the line of fire

A firefighter, after waiting for water, pulls a hose line to douse a fire near Los Angeles. The fire burned about

20 acres near a community college and golf course south of Los Angeles before firefighters snuffed it out.



The Big Easy

Visitors sit along the banks of the Mississippi River and enjoy the early-morning view in New Orleans.



Off his gourd

Buzz Pinkham shouts during the motorized competition at the fourth annual Damariscotta Pumpkinfest Regatta in

Damariscotta, Maine. Pinkham and a friend came up with the idea for a race while looking for something to do with a 700-pound pumpkin they had shown at a county fair. They hollowed it out, attached a motor and launched what has become a wacky race that now attracts more than a thousand people to town.



Rockettes rock out

The world-famous Radio City Rockettes rehearse for the 2009 Radio City Christmas Spectacular in New York.



Not creepy at all Pall bearers remove a casket from an antique hearse outside Westminster Hall in Baltimore during a re-enactment of author Edgar Allan Poe's funeral. The funeral, which this time was much larger than the first, was part of Baltimore's celebration of the 200th anniversary of Poe's birth.



Caribbean colors Left: Ronnie Cash, left, a dancer with the Junkanoo group "Saxon Superstars," poses for Bried San Juan during a parade for Miami-Broward One Carnival, celebrating Caribbean culture, in Miami. Right: Esther Panza, a dancer with the Bahamas Junkanoo Revue, smiles as she dances during the Miami parade.



Running against the wind Colm Barry, 8, runs to catch a breeze during the One Sky One World International Kite Fly in Stapleton Central Park, in Denver. On one Sunday every October since 1986, millions of people around the world have celebrated World Kite Day.

Risque ads urge living it up in 'Possibility City'

KY LOUISVILLE — Want to live it up in a thriving metropolitan city and find a girl with a tattoo on her — well, in a strange place?

A recent ad campaign launched in Kentucky says all that can happen in Louisville. But some officials aren't laughing at the tongue-in-cheek ads boasting the benefits of "Possibility City."

Metro Councilman Doug Hawkins and other city officials have said several of the ads are in poor taste.

One depicts a young man who wants to get out of fictional Oblivion, Ohio, so he can find a girl with a risque tattoo. Another alludes to warnings on erectile-dysfunction medications, saying happiness lasting more than four hours is normal.

California tests ignition devices for DUI drivers

CA SACRAMENTO — California will test requiring that drivers convicted of drunken driving install devices that block vehicles from starting if alcohol is detected on the drivers' breath.

The bill by Assemblyman Mike Feuer, a Democrat from Los Angeles, is among those signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

It requires installing an ignition interlock device on every vehicle owned or operated by a first-time DUI offender in four counties: Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Tulare. The law expires in 2016.

Ex-priest admits to baby with stripper mom

FL MIAMI — Former South Florida Catholic priest David Dueppen admits he fathered a baby with a former stripper, and he now wants custody of the infant girl.

Dueppen, 42, in court documents filed in Miami-Dade family court, said he wants to be the primary caretaker of baby Marilyn Epiphany, who was born in January.

"He has never denied paternity for the child and he would like to be very involved in the child's life," his attorney, Raymon Rafool, said.

The former stripper, Beatrice Hernandez, 42, came forward last month to claim she had been Dueppen's on-again, off-again girlfriend since meeting him at Porky's strip club about seven years ago. He took an indefinite leave of absence in August, after Hernandez reported the baby's existence to the archdiocese.

Capone's hideout sells for \$2.6 million

WI WAUSAU — Chicago mobster Al Capone's old rural hideout, complete with guard towers and a stone house with 18-inch-thick walls, was sold for \$2.6 million to the bank that foreclosed on it.

Capone — nicknamed "Scarface" — headed a massive bootlegging, gambling and prostitution operation during Prohibition and raked in tens of millions of dollars. He was widely suspected in sever-

al murders but never charged. The bank foreclosed on the 400-acre wooded site not far from the Canadian border in April 2008 and said the minimum bid would be \$2.6 million. The bank had advertised the site as "very private and pristine."

Police: Kidnapping and ransom story was a lie

CT GREENWICH — A Connecticut family made up claims that it rescued three immigrant relatives from a kidnapper by showing up with baseball bats at a ransom exchange meeting, according to police reports.

Instead, the reports say, the family had arranged transportation to Connecticut for their relatives after they entered the country illegally, and a melee broke out when a driver asked for an additional fee of \$60 per person to bring them to the family's home.

Greenwich Officer Martin O'Reilly wrote in a report that a federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent told him that "the entire kidnapping story was completely fabricated." The report was obtained by Hearst Connecticut Newspapers through a public records request.

Police say they detained nearly 20 people after the Aug. 2 fight in a Greenwich shopping center parking lot.

Ill. real estate agent wins world chili cookoff

WV CHARLESTON — An Illinois real estate agent who gave her jalapeno peppers an "extra tweak" has won the world championship cookoff of the International Chili Society.

Maureen Barrett, of Willow Springs, Ill., outcooked more than 160 competitors in the 43rd World's Championship Chili Cookoff, a three-day contest that drew thousands of chili lovers to a minor league baseball park in Charleston.

The 52-year-old winner took the \$25,000 top prize for a zesty bowl of traditional red chili, swaying judges seeking out a perfect blend of meat and spices.

Police piece together clues from bus crash

ID BOISE — State Police say they are piecing together information to understand just how a bus carrying a Utah high school band veered off a southeastern Idaho interstate, killing band teacher Heather Christensen, 33, and injuring dozens of student musicians who hours earlier had swept a competition.

Debra Jarvis, 50, of Spanish Fork, Utah, was behind the wheel of the big charter bus carrying 54 students and Christensen when it left U.S. Interstate 15 about five miles south of Pocatello.

John Miller, the band's director, was on a different bus but said he was told Christensen saw the driver slump over and leaped up to grab the wheel.

A phone call to Lake Shore Motor Coach Lines in Provo, the charter company that owns the bus that crashed, was unanswered. Jarvis remains hospitalized in stable condition.

Horoscope

Venus just entered the harmonious station of Libra yesterday, and she's already causing trouble. She squares off with the misunderstood dwarf planet Pluto and produces some powerful relationship disturbances. Sometimes in order to heal and harmonize, we have to look at some uncomfortable issues, and that's what this transit is all about.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 15).

You are driven to show the world what you can do. Your commitment to work will be well compensated. Balance out the picture with loving relationships. The affection and care you exchange will support your climb to the top. The new year brings opportunities to be generous in ways that only you can be. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's funny how matters of design bring people together. A recent home improvement has unleashed a whole range of new possibilities. Brainstorm with loved ones about what the next move might be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A misunderstanding leads to an unusual conversation. There may be a new opportunity for love in this, either for you or someone you know. This string of apparent coincidences has nothing to do with chance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you see as a physical problem or deficit is not so bad. Anyway, you're improving this on a daily basis. Keep seeing yourself as healthy and whole. You'll soon witness a small, personal and miraculous turnaround.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). An age-old family battle seems to be forgotten. It's unclear whether the shift is permanent, but in the meantime, the vibe significantly improves. Enjoy this wonderful, peaceful moment in the shade of your family tree.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not a dream chaser. You're more like

a 'dream executor.' Your fancy runs long, but your clever mind and tenacious character are what have made those dreams come true, and it will continue to be so with today's work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As a kid, you were more likely to carry an unwanted spider away from the house in a glass jar, rather than squish it. This regard for the little creatures and life in general is part of what makes you an exemplary human.

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you still feel stuck in some way, donate some of your time. Consider volunteering for something you believe in. You'll be surprised at how much inner work is done when you're ostensibly working for others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Crashing up against your limits is never a pleasant experience. It is, however, a necessary one, especially if you want to grow. Hidden though it may be, your triumph is imminent. Stay focused.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone you know, perhaps a close friend, is the subject of gossip. Whether or not there's any truth to the charges, it hurts you to see others going through social turmoil. Luckily, you can help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your heart is especially open right now. It seems like the littlest things set off a wash of emotions. A long talk with a trusted friend centers you on what's positive and good in your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In the past, you've said that you'd never do something again, only to repeat yourself soon after — that's what humans do! Something imperceptible has changed now, though. One of your resolutions is sticking. Well done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everything will come to you so easily that you might have to look way outside of your usual sphere of activities to find something that truly tests. You'll succeed there, too.

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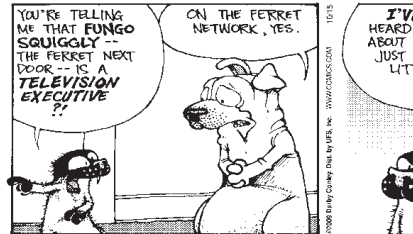
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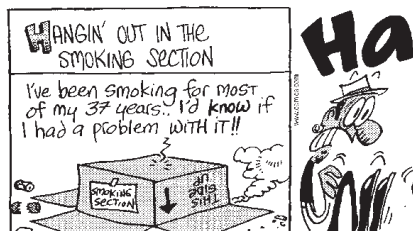
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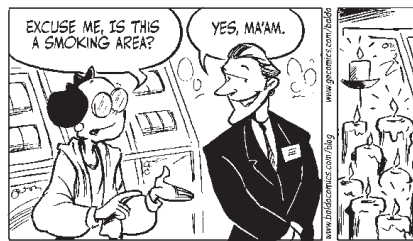
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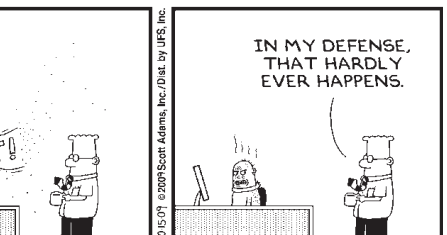
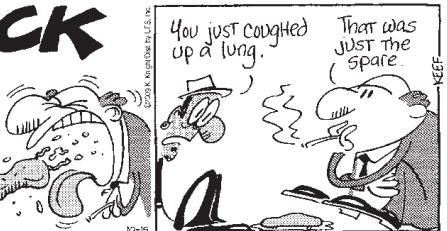
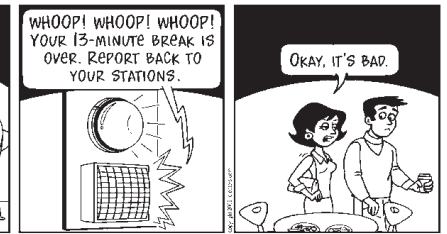
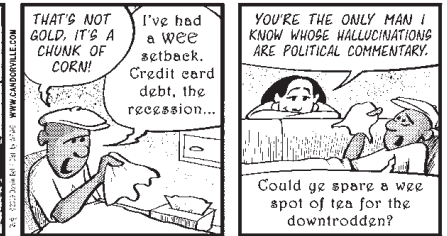
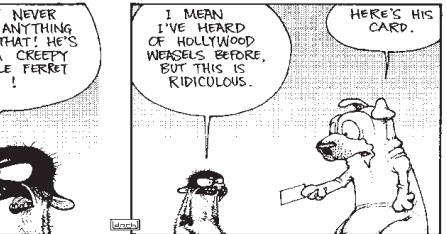
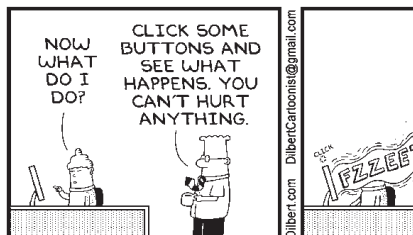
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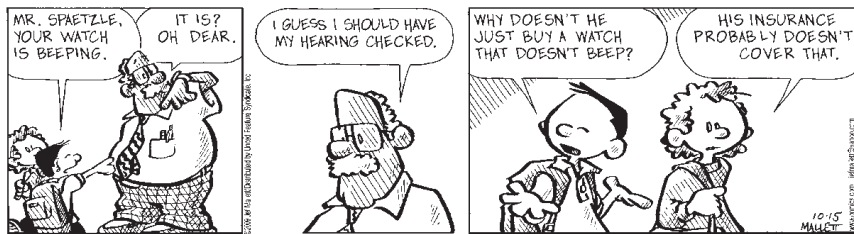
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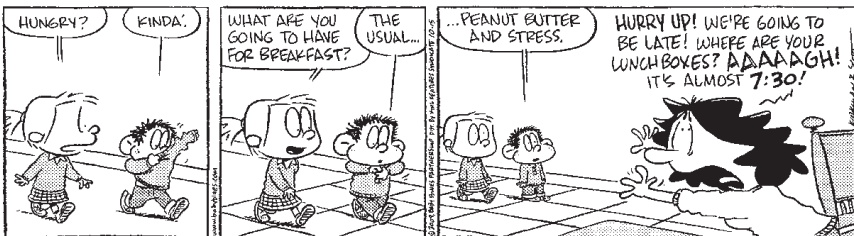
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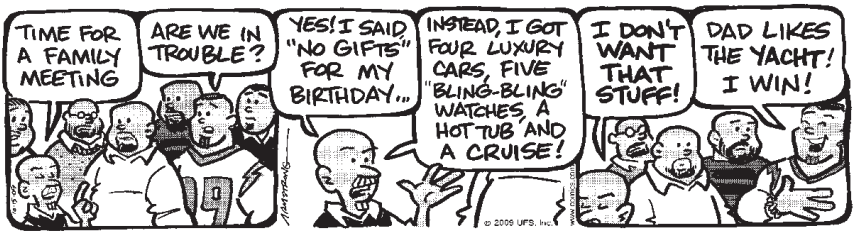
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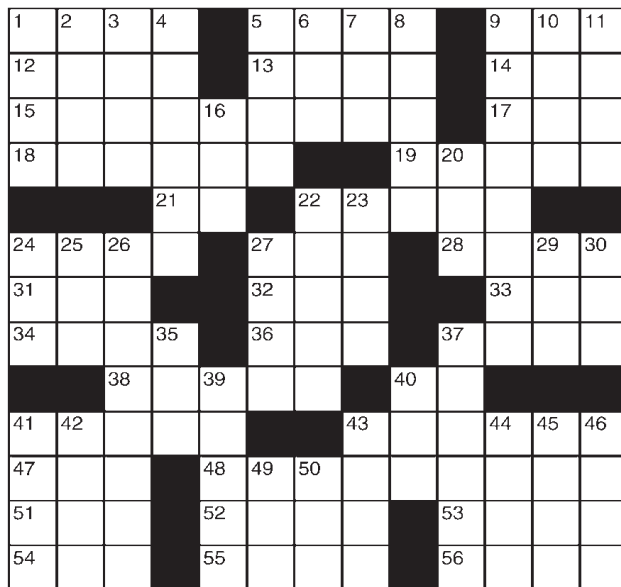
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 5 Miss Scarlet's game
- 9 Occupation
- 12 Incite
- 13 Padlock fastener
- 14 Kyoto cummerbund
- 15 Recurring marine events
- 17 Thither
- 18 Fall
- 19 Propelled a scull
- 21 "— what?"
- 22 Felix Salten story
- 24 Bad habit
- 27 "El —"
- 28 Old Testament kingdom
- 31 Commotion
- 32 Peculiar
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- 41 Nonsense
- 43 Will subject
- 47 Disencumber
- 48 Wasn't neutral
- 51 Lemieux milieu
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- 53 Complain
- 54 Surprise cries

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- 2 Sandwich treat
- 3 "Zounds!"
- 4 Oust from a throne
- 5 Goatee site
- 6 Young bloke
- 7 Work with
- 8 English racetrack site
- 9 Trips taken in "borrowed" cars
- 10 Reed instrument
- 11 Tie
- 16 Pair
- 20 Homer's dad
- 22 Obama's veep
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- 24 Cistern
- 25 Altar affirmative
- 26 Leather materials
- 27 Arrive
- 29 Eggs
- 30 Chart
- 35 Carpet feature
- 37 Theseus' land
- 39 Fodder plant
- 40 Pompous sort
- 41 Small combo
- 42 Opulent
- 43 Scratched (out)
- 44 Hebrew month
- 45 Clause in a contract
- 46 Get a glimpse of
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15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "Midnight Run" (1988, Comedy)	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals	Robert De Niro, Charles Grodin, Yaphet Kotto.	Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Color Splash		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon	(:40) Zatch Bell	Tavis Smiley		The American Veteran	Top Gear	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30				Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Recon Revisited			
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	At the Movies	Ent. Studios	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja				Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
18:00	The Dr. Oz Show	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Ft. Hood on Track	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Sonny With a Chance	Movie "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) Jennifer Lopez.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	American Dad	Briefing Encore	Dancing With the Stars		The Ultimate Fighter
19:30	The King of Queens	Zoey 101	A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	Today	Family Guy	Fit For Duty	Wedding Day		Gotti's Way
20:00	The Young and the Restless	American Dreams "City on Fire"			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Hog Heaven"	Battleground			Harlem Heights
20:30					Air Force Football				Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210	(8:58) Movie "A Raisin in the Sun" (2008, Drama)	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Around the Services	Desperate Housewives "Bargaining"		
21:30			Sean Combs. Black family members differ on how to spend insurance money.			Pacific Report			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld	Sports	SportsNation
22:30		Strange Days		Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Week-Pentagon	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Crazy"	(:23) MovieHot Shots!		Tour of Duty	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

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00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Sonny With a Chance	(11:23) Movie "Hot Shots!" (1991, Comedy) Charlie Sheen.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	EXchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Zoey 101			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	American Dreams "City on Fire"	(:03) Movie "Scary Movie 3" (2003, Comedy) Anna Faris, Anthony Anderson, Leslie Nielsen.	Happening Now		Today's Air Force	The Starter Wife "The Ex-Files"		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report				Judge Judy	Around the Services	Ghost Whisperer "Fire-starter"		Family Guy
2:00	American Dad	Beverly Hills, 90210 "The Child Is the Father to the Man"	(:38) Movie "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) Jennifer Lopez. A politician mistakes a hotel maid for a wealthy woman.	Newsroom	House "Resignation"	Downrange			The Ultimate Fighter
2:30	Family Guy					This Week in the Pentagon			
3:00	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Hog Heaven"	Degrassi: Next Generation		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Psych Shawn and Gus try to find a man accused of murder.	Sports	Gotti's Way
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing	Seinfeld "The Muffin Tops"		Harlem Heights
4:00	The Jay Leno Show	7th Heaven "Crazy"	(:35) Movie "A Raisin in the Sun" (2008, Drama)	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Friends	College Football Live	Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
4:30			Sean Combs, Phylicia Rashad. Black family members differ on how to spend insurance money.			Around the Services	Namaste Yoga	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	All Hands TV	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Rolie Polie Olie		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	Essence of Emeril	Around the Horn	
6:00		Sesame Street				Around the Services	Grill It! With Bobby Flay	Pardon the Interruption	
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Bear in the Big Blue House	At the Movies	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	El News Entertainment news.	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:00			Entertainment Studios.com			This Week in the Pentagon	The Daily 10		
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Blue's Clues	Hollywood Dailies	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	ER "Just As I Am" Dr. Weaver meets her birth mother.	Sports	Sports
8:00		Go, Diego, Go!	Entertainment Tonight	World News-Gibson		Around the Services			
8:30	Judge Judy	Handy Manny		CBS Evening News		FNG Useful benefits.	Desperate Housewives "I Remember That"		
9:00	House	The Wonder Pets!	Movie "One Fine Day" (1996) Michelle Pfeiffer, George Clooney. Two overstressed single parents tip toe around romance.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	State Dept Briefing			
9:30		Little Einsteins		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Air Force Football	Grey's Anatomy "Wishin' and Hopin'"		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World	(:05) Movie "State and Main" (2000) Alec Baldwin, William H. Macy. A film crew wreaks havoc in a small Vermont town.	Anderson Cooper 360	The Dr. Oz Show	AFN Europe Report	Judge Judy	Sports	
10:30		Super Why!				AFN Europe Report	Judge Alex		
11:00	Dr. Phil	Little Einsteins	(12:55) Movie "A Beautiful Mind" (2001) Russell Crowe. Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. has paranoid schizophrenia.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	CSI: NY "American Dreamers"		
11:30		The Wonder Pets!		Campbell Brown	The King of Queens	Around the Services	Challenge		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Handy Manny		Your World With Neil Cavuto	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore			
12:30	ESPNNEWS	Go, Diego, Go!		General Hospital		Downrange	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues		Balat and Beyond					
13:30		Bear in the Big Blue House			Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street	(:10) Movie "10 Things I Hate About You" (1999) Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles. A student can't date till her older sister does.	The Rachel Maddow Show		Battleground	Decorating Cents	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
14:30	World News-Gibson			Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Top Gear		
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	Biography	Tavis Smiley		FNG Useful benefits.			
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show (Part 1 of 2)		Punk'd
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell		The O'Reilly Factor		This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
17:00	Dr. Phil	(:05) The Fairly OddParents		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	World News-Gibson	The American Veteran	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		Today	Around the Services	Briefing Encore	America's Next Top Model		Two-A-Days
18:00	The Dr. Oz Show	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Déjà Vu" (2006, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Val Kilmer. A time-traveling agent falls in love with a murder victim.	Overmann	(:25) 30 Rock "Gavin Volure"	Fit For Duty	Grey's Anatomy "Sweet Surrender"		Busted
18:30		Hannah Montana			Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Battleground			The Real World
19:00	Access Hollywood	Aaron Stone "First Strike"				Recon Revisited			
19:30	The King of Queens	That's So Raven		America's Newsroom	The Jay Leno Show	Around the Services	Private Practice "Yours, Mine & Ours"		A Double Shot at Love
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Made "Dream Date" Date for the prom.		Newsroom		Pacific Report	Seinfeld	Sports	The Best Damn Sports Show Period
20:30						Briefing Encore	Friends		
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Duke's Bad Boy"	(:15) Movie "The Pink Panther" (2006, Comedy) Steve Martin. A bumbling Frenchman probes the theft of a priceless gem.		The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Recon	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
21:30						Army Newswatch			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation			Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey							
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Apologize"	Movie "New Jack City" (1991) Wesley Snipes, Ice-T.						
23:30									

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00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Aaron Stone "First Strike"	(11:00) MovieNew Jack City	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	That's So Raven	(:45) Movie "The Core" (2003, Action) Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank, Delroy Lindo. Scientists travel to the center of the Earth.		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Made "Dream Date" Date for the prom.		Happening Now		The American Veteran	Burn Notice Michael helps a woman find her son.		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report				Judge Judy	Around the Services	America's Next Top Model "The Girl Who Grates"		Family Guy
2:00	Rules of Engagement	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Duke's Bad Boy"		Newsroom	House "The Jerk"	Downrange			Two-A-Days
2:30	(:25) 30 Rock "Gavin Volure"					All Hands TV			Busted
3:00	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Degrassi: Next Generation		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	Medium "Head Games"	Sports	The Real World
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			
4:00	The Jay Leno Show	7th Heaven "Apologize"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld		A Double Shot at Love
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(:15) Movie "The Pink Panther" (2006) Steve Martin.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	The American Veteran	Namaste Yoga	Sports	The Best Damn Sports Show Period
5:30	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	Jim Rome Is Burning	

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Motorcycles 164

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Wednesday
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—College football: Arkansas State at Louisiana-Monroe (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 1, Cincinnati at Baltimore (dld, 90-minute cutdown).
AFN-Sports, 10:30 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 2, Dallas at Kansas City (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

Thursday
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—NHL: Pittsburgh at Carolina.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—College football: Boise State at Tulsa.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLS: New York at Real Salt Lake.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—College football: Boise State at Tulsa (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 3, N.Y. Jets at Miami (dld, 90-minute cutdown).
AFN-Sports, 10:30 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 4, New England at Denver (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

Friday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—Soccer: Men's World Cup qualifier, Costa Rica at United States (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—NHL: San Jose at Washington.
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—MLB playoffs: NL Championship Series, Game 1, Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—NHL: St. Louis at Phoenix.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—College football: Cincinnati at South Florida (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—MLB playoffs: NL Championship Series, Game 1, Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers (dld).

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Pro basketball

NBA exhibition					
EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Philadelphia	2	1	0.667	—	
Boston	2	1	.667	1	
Toronto	2	2	.500	1½	
New York	1	1	.500	1½	
New Jersey	0	3	.000	3	
Southeast Division					
Orlando	4	0	1.000	—	
Atlanta	2	1	.667	1	
Washington	2	2	.333	2½	
Charlotte	1	3	.250	3	
Miami	0	3	.000	3½	
Central Division					
Detroit	3	0	1.000	—	
Cleveland	2	0	1.000	—	
Chicago	2	1	.667	1	
Milwaukee	2	2	.500	1½	
Indiana	1	2	.333	2	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Southwest Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Dallas	2	2	.500	—	
Houston	2	2	.500	½	
San Antonio	1	1	.500	½	
New Orleans	1	2	.333	1	
Memphis	1	3	.250	1½	
Northwest Division					
Portland	2	1	.667	—	
Denver	2	2	.500	½	
Minnesota	1	1	.500	½	
Utah	1	1	.500	½	
Oklahoma City	1	2	.333	1	
Pacific Division					
L.A. Clippers	2	1	.667	—	
Golden State	3	2	.600	—	
L.A. Lakers	1	1	.500	½	
Phoenix	0	2	.000	1½	
Sacramento	0	2	.000	1½	

Monday's games
Atlanta 107, Charlotte 90
Cleveland 111, Olympiacos 94
Orlando 102, Memphis 83
Oklahoma City 110, Phoenix 105, OT
Milwaukee 96, Houston 92
L.A. Clippers 124, Golden State 117
Tuesday's games
Boston at New Jersey
Washington vs. Detroit at Grand Rapids
Philadelphia at New York
Milwaukee at Chicago
Orlando vs. New Orleans at Wichita, Kan.

High school

Japan
Cross country
Saturday's results
At Iwakuni, 3.1-mile course
Girls' individual results
1. Keleka Mobley, Yokota, 20 minutes, 21 seconds; 2. Gabi Baker, Yokota, 20:21.5; 3. Ashley Hawkins, Robert D. Edgren, 20:37; 4. Kiara Freisinger, Edgren, 20:49; 5. Nadia Parsel, Sasebo Naval Base (middle school), 21:10; 6. Jordan Schwartz, Edgren, 21:31; 7. Anneke Heimlich, Yokota, 21:35; 8. Alyssa Turner, E.J. King, 21:37; 9. Katelyn Sult, Yokota, 22:08; 10. Callie Gogfrey, Yokota, 22:41
NOTE—Race was called off due to a swarm of bees that attacked the girls on the last leg of the race. Not all girls finished; hence, no team scores kept. Boys did not compete.

College football

TSN FCS poll				
PHILADELPHIA — The top 25 teams in The Sports Network Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 11, points and previous ranking:				
	Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Richmond (119)	5-0	3,253	1	
2. Northern Iowa (11)	5-1	3,050	3	
3. Montana	5-0	2,936	4	
4. New Hampshire (1)	5-0	2,923	5	
5. Southern Illinois	4-1	2,646	6	
6. Villanova	5-1	2,557	2	
7. William & Mary	5-1	2,403	8	
8. Elon	5-1	2,292	10	
9. Appalachian State	3-2	2,219	9	
10. Central Arkansas	4-1	2,129	11	
11. South Carolina State	4-1	1,626	17	
12. Jacksonville State	4-2	1,554	18	
13. McNeese State	3-2	1,455	7	
14. South Dakota State	4-1	1,345	20	
15. Weber State	3-3	1,240	21	
16. James Madison	2-3	1,134	13	
17. Colgate	6-0	1,007	23	
18. Massachusetts	3-2	950	12	
19. Cal Poly	2-3	785	15	
20. Stephen F. Austin	4-1	733	—	
21. Eastern Washington	4-2	718	17	
22. Florida A&M	4-1	547	22	
23. Delaware	4-2	530	—	
24. Eastern Kentucky	3-2	476	16	
25. Holy Cross	4-1	342	19	
Others receiving votes: Liberty 255, Eastern Illinois 227, Harvard 213, Northern Arizona 182, Prairie View A&M 161, Chattanooga 84, Lafayette 65, Furman 57, Tennessee State 53, Montana State 50, Brown 49, Youngstown State 48, UC Davis 36, Morgan State 35, Albany 31, Maine 31, Gardner-Webb 21, Tennessee Tech 20, Butler 19, Central Connecticut State 13, Grambling State 11, Southeastern Louisiana 8, Southern 7, North Dakota 7, Hampton 6, Hofstra 6, Alabama A&M 5, Charleston Southern 5, Southern Utah 4, Georgia Southern 3, Old Dominion 3, Sam Houston State 3, Missouri State 2, Samford 2, Texas State 2, Drake 1.				

FCS Coaches poll				
SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 11 and previous ranking:				
	Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Richmond (28)	5-0	700	1	
2. Montana	5-0	657	3	
3. Northern Iowa	5-1	645	4	
4. New Hampshire	5-0	621	5	
5. Southern Illinois	4-1	578	6	
6. Villanova	5-1	549	2	
7. William & Mary	5-0	530	8	
8. Central Arkansas	4-1	501	9	
9. Elon	5-1	462	11	
10. Appalachian State	3-2	441	10	
11. McNeese State	3-2	368	7	
12. South Carolina State	4-1	359	16	
13. Jacksonville State	4-2	332	18	
14. South Dakota State	4-1	304	19	
15. Weber State	3-3	258	21	
16. James Madison	2-3	235	12	
17. Eastern Washington	4-2	214	15	
18. Colgate	6-0	208	24	
19. Cal Poly	3-2	184	14	
20. Massachusetts	3-2	178	13	
21. Stephen F. Austin	4-1	155	NR	
22. Florida A&M	4-1	146	22	
23. Eastern Kentucky	3-2	121	17	
24. Holy Cross	3-1	53	20	
25. Eastern Illinois	4-2	49	25	
Others receiving votes: Northern Arizona (42), Chattanooga (38), Prairie View A&M (37), Delaware (35), Montana State (27), Youngstown State (17), Liberty (16), Morgan State (14), Butler (12), Southern Utah (4), Tennessee State (4), Harvard (2), Lafayette (2), Albany (1), Missouri State (1).				

Boxing

Fight schedule
Oct. 16
At the Blue Horizon, Philadelphia, Dereck Ennis, Philadelphia, vs. James Moore, New York, 12, for the vacant USA junior middleweight title.
Oct. 17
At Berlin, Arthur Abraham, Germany, vs. Jermain Taylor, Little Rock, Ark., 12, super middleweights.
At Trent FM Arena, Nottingham, England, Carl Froch, Britain, vs. Andre Dirrell, Flint, Mich., 12, for Froch's WBC super middleweight title.
At Chiapas, Mexico, Cristobal Cruz,

AFCA Division II poll				
Through Oct. 11				
	Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Abilene Christ. (23)	7-0	621	2	
2. North Alabama (2)	7-0	600	3	
3. North Carolina	7-0	570	4	
4. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	7-0	546	5	
5. Northwest Missouri S.	6-1	521	6	
6. Minnesota St.-Mankato	7-0	492	7	
7. Texas A&M-Kingsville	7-0	450	9	
8. Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	6-1	446	1	
9. Minnesota-Duluth	6-1	445	8	
10. Albany State (Ga.)	6-0	401	10	
11. Charleston (W.Va.)	7-0	362	11	
12. Edinboro (Pa.)	6-1	334	13	
13. Tarleton State (Texas)	6-1	320	15	
14. Central Missouri	6-1	303	116	
15. Missouri Western State	6-1	274	116	
16. Nebraska-Kearney	6-1	249	21	
17. N. Carolina-Pembroke	6-1	157	25	
18. Findlay (Ohio)	6-1	149	—	
19. Tuskegee (Ala.)	5-2	127	24	
20. Washburn (Kan.)	5-2	113	12	
21. West Liberty (W.Va.)	6-1	93	—	
22. Midwestern St. (Texas)	5-2	91	18	
23. Northern Michigan	5-1	76	—	
24. Wayne State (Neb.)	5-2	68	14	
25. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	5-2	57	—	

AFCA Division III poll				
Through Oct. 11				
	Record	Pts	Pv	
1. Mt. Union (Ohio) (39)	5-0	999	2	
2. Wisc.-Whitewater (1)	5-0	959	1	
3. Mary Hardin-Baylor (TX)	5-0	916	3	
4. Wheaton (Ill.)	5-0	841	4	
5. Wesley (Del.)	5-0	839	5	
6. St. John's (Minn.)	5-0	798	6	
7. Wash. & Jefferson (Pa.)	5-0	729	7	
8. Central (Iowa)	5-0	689	8	
9. Linfield (Ore.)	5-0	674	9	
10. Wabash (Ind.)	5-0	629	10	
11. Case West. Reserve (OH)	5-0	564	11	
12. Monmouth (Ill.)	6-0	540	12	
13. Otterbein (Ohio)	5-0	480	13	
14. North Central (Ill.)	4-1	463	14	
15. St. Thomas (Minn.)	5-0	457	15	
16. Williamette (Ore.)	5-1	374	17	
17. Thomas (Iore Ky.)	5-0	300	19	
18. Alfred (N.Y.)	4-1	232	22	
19. Capital (Ohio)	4-1	212	23	
20. Franklin (Ind.)	6-0	183	—	
21. Hampden-Sydney (Va.)	5-0	139	—	
22. Wittenberg (Ohio)	5-0	139	—	
23. Albright (Pa.)	5-0	105	—	
24. Occidental (Calif.)	3-1	87	—	
25. Centre (Ky.)	6-0	86	—	

NAIA poll				
Through Oct. 11				
	Record	Pts	Pv	
1. Sioux Falls (S.D.) (18)	6-0	444	2	
2. Calico (Mont.) (1)	7-0	426	1	
3. Lindenwood (Mo.)	6-0	409	3	
4. Saint Francis (Ind.)	5-0	395	4	
5. Morningside (Iowa)	5-0	376	5	
6. U. of Cumberlands (Ky.)	6-0	357	6	
7. Lambuth (Tenn.)	6-0	340	7	
8. Saint Xavier (Ill.)	7-0	323	9	
9. Ottawa (Kan.)	6-0	307	10	
10. Missouri Valley	5-1	283	11	
11. Mid-America Naz. (Kan.)	5-1	270	12	
12. McKendree (Ill.)	5-1	261	13	
13. Northwestern (Iowa)	5-1	232	14	
14. Friends (Kan.)	4-1	207	15	
15. Langston (Okla.)	5-2	196	8	
16. McPherson (Kan.)	4-1	183	18	
17. Minot State (N.D.)	5-1	170	121	
18. Saint Ambrose (Iowa)	4-2	167	121	
19. Eastern Oregon	5-2	109	24	
20. Central Methodist (Mo.)	5-1	107	25	
21. Walsh (Ohio)	4-2	91	20	
22. Hastings (Neb.)	5-2	82	16	
23. Ohio Dominican	4-2	53	NR	
24. Dickinson State (N.D.)	4-2	50	NR	
25. Georgetown (Ky.)	4-2	31	NR	

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Tennis

Shanghai Masters
Tuesday
At Qizhong Tennis Center
Shanghai, China
Purse: \$5.25 million (Prize Money 1000)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Tommy Haas (15), Germany, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-4, 6-4.
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. John Isner, United States, 6-2, 6-4.
Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
Nicolas Pietrangeli, Spain, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germ., 6-7 (2), 6-1, 7-6 (6).
Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, def. Marin Cilic (12), Croatia, 7-6 (8), 3-, 6-4.
Robin Soderling (9), Sweden, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-3, 6-4.
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 6-1, 6-2.
Gael Monfils (11), France, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-2, 6-2.
Second Round
Nikolay Davydenko (6), Russia, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Radek Stepanek (13), Czech Republic, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 7-5, 6-4.
Fernando Gonzalez (10), Chile, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-3, 6-4.
Stanislav Wavrinka, Switzerland, def. Andy Roddick (4), U.S., 3-4, retired.

Japan Women's Open
Tuesday
At Utsu Tennis Center
Osaka, Japan
Purse: \$220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Kurumi Nara, Japan, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-2.
Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, def. Carly Gullickson, United States, 6-1, 6-1.
Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 7-5, 6-1.
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 6-4, 6-1.
Aleksandra Wozniak (6), Canada, def. Sophie Ferguson, Australia, 6-1, 7-5.
Vania King, United States, def. Julie Coin, France, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Jill Craybas, United States, def. Kimiko Krumm, Japan, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.
Samantha Stosur (3), Australia, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.
Marion Bartoli (2), France, def. Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 7-5.
Akiko Morigami, U.S., def. Anastasia Rodionova, Russia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Generali Ladies
Tuesday
At Intersport Arena Linz
Linz, Austria
Purse: \$220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 7-5, 6-1.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-2, 6-7 (7), 6-2.
Sara Errani (8), Italy, def. Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-2, 6-3.
Tatjana Malek, Germany, def. Aravane Rezaï, France, 7-5, 7-5.
Jill Craybas, United States, def. Sorana Cirstea (6), Romania, 6-3, 6-3.
Carla Suarez Navarro (4), Spain, def. Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-4.

AP spotlight

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Deals

Monday's transactions
BASEBALL
American Association
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS—Exercised their 2010 contract option on INF Brandon Carter.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT—Signed G Carlos Arroyo.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Waived G Sean Singletary and F-C Stromile Swift.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed WR Dexter Jackson to the practice squad. Released WR Jason Chery from the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Released RB Chauncey Washington. Re-signed C Duke Preston.
DETROIT LIONS—Placed

Rams offense racks up yards, turnovers

St. Louis still working to correct costly gameday giveaways

By R.B. FALLSTROM
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Marc Bulger is expected to start this week for the St. Louis Rams, whether or not backup Kyle Boller gets cleared from a mild concussion.

Whoever's taking the snaps on Sunday at Jacksonville, the larger problem is cutting down on the epidemic of mistakes that are dragging down a winless, rebuilding team that has little margin for error.

The Rams (0-5) committed four turnovers in Sunday's 38-10 loss to the Vikings, three of them inside the Minnesota 10, and have totaled 10 giveaways the past three weeks.

"Right now I think that's the only thing that's separating us from winning games," defensive end Leonard Little said Monday. "The mistakes we've been making, it's something we've got to correct."

"We always correct them in practice but in the games it seems like everything falls apart for us."

Coach Steve Spagnuolo said during his weekly day-after news conference that it was "correction day."

Every Monday, it seems.

"The ball slips out of your hand, you miss a routine handoff, those are tough things to explain," Spagnuolo said. "We'll hone in on them, get better at them and move on."

The Rams (0-5) had a 400-377 edge in total yards over unbeaten Minnesota (5-0) and rolled up 27 first downs. Boller and Bulger were a combined 27-for-38 for 297 yards with one touchdown and an interception, and the offensive line limited the dangerous Vikings pass rush to two sacks.

The giveaways negated those numbers, in a big way.

Jared Allen had a 52-yard fumble return for a touchdown after the ball somehow slipped out of Boller's hand as he dropped back for a screen pass. Boller and Steven Jackson didn't connect on a handoff from the Vikings 1. Tight

end Daniel Fells tried to back into the end zone after a catch and got stripped. Boller threw an interception in the end zone.

That was more than enough to ensure the Rams' 15th straight loss, the longest slump in the NFL. They've been outscored by a whopping 146-34 on the season.

Jackson took the hit for the fumble, although it officially went to Boller.

"It really hurt the team and our momentum, and I think after that we just snowballed downwards," Jackson said. "We just have to get over this spell of turnovers."

Boller, starting for the second

straight game in place of Bulger (shoulder), was injured early in the fourth quarter and was to undergo testing Tuesday to determine his availability. Though Boller moved the offense, Spagnuolo said there's no competition for the job. If Bulger's OK he'll be back as the starter.

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NFL scoreboard

American Conference

	East			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0	.600	101	88
New England	3	2	0	.600	104	91
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	1	4	0	.200	77	116

	South			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	97	127
Houston	2	3	0	.400	115	120
Tennessee	0	5	0	.000	84	139

	North			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	101	90
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	138	97
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	113	98
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	55	121

	West			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
Denver	5	0	0	1.000	99	43
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	1	4	0	.200	49	130
Kansas City	0	5	0	.000	84	138

National Conference

	East			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
N.Y. Giants	5	0	0	1.000	151	71
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	127	86
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Washington	2	3	0	.400	73	82

	South			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
New Orleans	4	0	0	1.000	144	66
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	102	63
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	57	104
Tampa Bay	0	5	0	.000	68	140

	North			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	156	90
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	105	78
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	104	93
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	103	162

	West			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	85	89
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	115	82
St. Louis	5	0	0	1.000	34	146

Sunday's games

Pittsburgh 28, Detroit 20	
N.Y. Giants 44, Oakland 7	
Cleveland 6, Buffalo 3	
Dallas 26, Kansas City 20, OT	
Minnesota 38, St. Louis 10	
Cincinnati 17, Baltimore 14	
Carolina 20, Washington 17	
Philadelphia 33, Tampa Bay 14	
Atlanta 45, San Francisco 10	
Seattle 41, Jacksonville 0	
Arizona 28, Houston 21	
Denver 20, New England 17, OT	
Indianapolis 31, Tennessee 9	

Open: San Diego, Chicago, Green Bay, New Orleans

Monday's game

Miami 31, N.Y. Jets 27

Sunday, Oct. 18

Detroit at Green Bay	
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans	
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	
Houston at Cincinnati	
Kansas City at Washington	
Carolina at Tampa Bay	
St. Louis at Jacksonville	
Baltimore at Minnesota	
Arizona at Seattle	
Philadelphia at Oakland	
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets	
Tennessee at New England	
Chicago at Atlanta	

Open: Indianapolis, Miami, Dallas, San Francisco

Monday, Oct. 19

Denver at San Diego

Monday

Dolphins 31, Jets 27

	N.Y. Jets	Miami	7	6	0	14-27
			10	0	0	21-31

First Quarter

Mia—Brown 1 run (Carpenter kick), 7:31.

N.Y.—Edwards 3 pass from Sanchez (Feely kick), 3:51.

Mia—FG Carpenter 35, :57.

Second Quarter

N.Y.—FG Feely 40, 2:05.

N.Y.—FG Feely 43, :04.

Fourth Quarter

Mia—Fasano 2 pass from Henne (Carpenter kick), 14:17.

N.Y.—Jones 1 run (Feely kick), 12:17.

Mia—Ginn Jr. 53 pass from Henne (Carpenter kick), 10:10.

N.Y.—Jones 3 run (Feely kick), 5:12.

Mia—Brown 2 run (Carpenter kick), :06.

A—69,767.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	N.Y.J.	Mia
First downs	20	23
Total Net Yards	309	413
Rushes-yards	30-138	36-151
Passing	171	262
Punt Returns	3-29	1-9
Kickoff Returns	5-108	5-99
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	12-24-0	21-24-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-1	0-0
Punts	4-49.8	4-49.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-56	8-112
Time of Possession	26:25	33:35

Rushing—N.Y. Jets

Washington 10-44, Jones 13-42, Weatherford 1-26, B.Smith 1-12, Greene 3-8, Sanchez 2-6.

Miami: Brown 21-74, Williams 11-68, White 1-6, Polite 2-4, Cobbs 1-(minus 1).

Passing—N.Y. Jets

Sanchez 12-24-0, 172. Mia: Henne 20-26-0-241, Brown 1-2-0-21.

Receiving—N.Y. Jets

Edwards 5-64, Clowney 4-72, B.Smith 1-19, Washington 1-13, Cotochery 1-4.

Miami: Fasano 4-38, Williams 3-70, Camarillo 3-33, Bess 3-18, Brown 3-14, Ginn Jr. 2-57, Haynos 1-17, Hartline 1-10, Cobbs 1-5.

Calendar

Oct. 20 — Trading deadline.

Jan. 9-10, 2010 — Wild card playoffs.

Jan. 16-17 — Divisional playoffs.

Jan. 24 — Conference championships.

Jan. 31 — Pro Bowl, Miami.

Feb. 7 — Super Bowl, Miami.

Dolphins run wild, rally past Jets

Confusing calls on final drive lead to comeback victory

BY STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

MIAMI—As coach Tony Sparano's Miami Dolphins mounted a comeback bid in the final minutes, even his players on the sideline wondered about the play calling.

It had the New York Jets confused, too.

The Dolphins snapped the ball to four players in their game-winning drive Monday night. They ran from the wildcat twice in the final 23 seconds, and Ronnie Brown's 2-yard dash with 6 seconds left beat the Jets 31-27.

Doubt on the Dolphins sideline turned to cheers.

"That's why we are players and not coaches," Miami defensive tackle Jason Ferguson said. "All of us were talking about, 'Why won't you pass it?' Because we got a touchdown, that's why."

Newcomer Braylon Edwards provided a big boost for the Jets, and two fake punts fooled Miami. But the Dolphins had their own bag of tricks and dug into it even on the final drive.

The Dolphins started from their own 30-yard line with 5:05 left, trailing 27-24, and mounted a 13-play drive for the winning score. They snapped to Ricky Williams in the wildcat, and he ran for 15 yards. They brought rookie quarterback Pat White into the game for the first time, and he ran 6 yards for a first down.

Chad Henne made two third-down completions. And with 10 seconds left and third and goal at the 2, the Dolphins decided to try the wildcat again.

"We were in the huddle and said, 'We've got to score a touchdown. No settling for field goals,'" Brown said.

He took the snap, ran up the middle, found a seam and crossed the goal line with 6 seconds to go.

The resilient Dolphins (2-3) came from behind three times in the fourth quarter, and they're back in the AFC East race after losing their first three games.

"It just goes to show you that to panic is not the answer," Sparano



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown (23) celebrates with tight end Joey Haynos, left, and fullback Lou Saka Polite after Brown scored the winning touchdown in the final seconds Monday against the Jets.

said.

The Jets (3-2) have lost two straight and fell into a tie with New England for first place.

"We're going to play a lot better than we did today," coach Rex Ryan said.

The game became a shootout reminiscent of the Dolphins' Dan Marino days, and filling that role just fine was Henne.

In only his second NFL start, Henne completed 20 of 26 for 241 yards and two touchdowns, with no sacks or turnovers. He threw deep to Ted Ginn Jr. for a 53-yard score to give Miami a 24-20 lead with 10:10 left.

"We made him look like Dan Marino," Jets linebacker Cal-

vin Pace said. "A future Hall of Famer."

The Jets kept answering with Edwards, acquired in a trade with Cleveland last Wednesday. He caught one scoring pass and set up New York's other two touchdowns.

But New York couldn't stop the wildcat, which angered Ryan.

"I used to see all those gimmicks when I was coaching back in college," he said. "It was a complete embarrassment by our defense and by me. I've never been involved in a game like that in my life."

While the Dolphins relied on ball control for much of the game, they also showed a newfound abil-

ity to strike quickly.

Ginn beat Darrelle Revis and two other Jets deep, catching Henne's long pass just before crossing the goal line. Williams set up a field goal when he gained 59 yards on a reception, with all the yards coming after the catch.

The Dolphins totaled 413 yards. They had 10 first downs rushing and 13 passing to control the ball for 33½ minutes.

"The biggest thing at this level is keeping it balanced," said Henne, sounding like a veteran. "You want to make sure you keep them off guard the whole time and don't swing one way."

League reviewing Browns RB's injury

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland Browns coach Eric Mangini said he's cooperating with the NFL in its investigation into rookie running back James Davis' mysterious season-ending shoulder injury.

On Sunday, ESPN.com reported that Davis was injured during a recent post-practice period for extra work when he was hit by a Browns linebacker. According to the report, witnesses said Davis was not wearing shoulder pads while the unidentified defender who hit him had them on.

League spokesman Greg Aiello said the league is aware of the alleged incident and has been looking into the matter.

"The review is ongoing," Aiello said in an e-mail response to The Associated Press.

Mangini confirmed Monday that he has had discussions with the league, and said that following his own research that he's "comfortable with where we are on it."

"I like James Davis a lot," Mangini said. "The last thing we want to do is ever put him in a position or anybody in a position where they could get hurt. I've talked to a lot of people involved in it and we're going to continue to work with the league on it."

Mangini did not deny the report, but repeated several times that he has been in touch with the league.

He said the post-practice period is open to all players to get in extra work, but that it's normally attended by rookies and younger players. He said the workouts are done in a controlled environment, supervised by coaches. Mangini said he occasionally watches.

Mangini said he would never condone a

situation like the one being reported.

"We'd never do that," he said. "If something like that did happen, it shouldn't happen. Ever."

A sixth-round draft pick from Clemson, Davis was placed on injured reserve on Oct. 3.

Browns linebacker D'Qwell Jackson did not see the incident, and thought it sounded implausible. He said players can be fined by Mangini for not wearing the proper pads at practice.

"That sounds crazy to me that something like that would be reported," Jackson said. "But I wasn't there. I don't know exactly what happened. That doesn't make any sense to me. That wouldn't be fair to him [Davis]."

Mangini confirmed that Davis will need surgery but would not say if an operation has been scheduled.

NFL briefs

Injuries compound Bills' woes

Two LBs lost for season; Jauron stays on hot seat

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — If it's not ineptitude, it's injuries. The Buffalo Bills can't get a break in a season that's quickly going south and has left coach Dick Jauron fending off critics again.

Before answering another round of questions about his job security Monday, a day after a dreadful 6-3 loss to Cleveland, Jauron announced the Bills lost linebackers Kawika Mitchell and Marcus Buggs to season-ending knee injuries.

Mitchell, who hurt his right knee, and Buggs, who injured his left, will require surgery after being hurt against the Browns.

Their departures leave an already banged-up defense increasingly thin at linebacker. Mitchell had just been shifted from the weak-side spot to the middle to replace Buggs, who had struggled filling in for Paul Posluszny. And Posluszny is still a few weeks away from returning after breaking his left arm in Buffalo's season-opening loss at New England.

It didn't take long for the topic of discussion to return to Jauron's status after the Bills dropped their second consecutive game

against a winless team, a week after a 38-10 loss at Miami. After registering three straight 7-9 finishes under Jauron, the Bills are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for a 10th straight season.

Two 49ers with concussions could be done for season

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Two San Francisco 49ers defenders with concussions could be done for the season.

Safety Michael Lewis sustained his third concussion of the season during Sunday's 45-10 loss to Atlanta and was to have further testing during the off week. Linebacker Jeff Ulbrich, who suffered a concussion on the opening kickoff against St. Louis on Oct. 4, is scheduled to be seen by a neurologist on Wednesday.

It will be the first time the 10th-year player has been examined by a neurologist and Ulbrich said Monday he's not ruling out retirement after sustaining more concussions during his career than he can count.

Lewis, who sustained two concussions during an 11-day span in the preseason, could be sidelined for a prolonged period though

coach Mike Singletary didn't want to speculate Monday.

In other NFL news:

■ Tennessee Titans cornerback Nick Harper will be out up to six weeks after surgery on a broken right forearm.

He is the second defensive back the winless Titans have lost to a broken right forearm. The other is Vincent Fuller, who was injured Sept. 27 against the New York Jets. The Titans hope he might be able to play Nov. 1 against Jacksonville.

■ Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Aaron Smith has a right shoulder injury that coach Mike Tomlin says "potentially could be significant."

Smith was injured Sunday in Detroit. He was being evaluated Tuesday, and the Steelers are not certain how long he will be out.

■ Junior Seau is back with the New England Patriots, ready to play linebacker again at age 40.

Tuesday's announcement was made by Versus, the television network on which Seau has a show. The Patriots have not announced the signing, although the team said he had a physical.

■ Washington Redskins left tackle Chris Samuels will miss



DAVID DUPREY/AP

Buffalo linebacker Kawika Mitchell is injured during the first half on Sunday against Cleveland. Mitchell and linebacker Marcus Buggs both will miss the rest of the season because of knee injuries.

next week's game against Kansas City, another blow to an already fragile offensive line.

The six-time Pro Bowler suffered a stinger early in Sunday's loss to Carolina.

■ Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay said at the NFL owners' meetings Tuesday he wouldn't vote to approve Rush Limbaugh to buy the St. Louis Rams.

■ If Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable is implicated by police in their investigation of an alleged assault on an assistant coach, he will be subject to NFL discipline.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday that workplace violence is specifically identified in the league's personal conduct policy, and if Cable is charged with any crimes, he could be punished by the NFL.

Goodell expects to receive a report "in the next couple weeks" on the Napa, Calif., police inves-

tigation, which is in the hands of the district attorney. He said the league is "allowing the criminal process to go forward for some period of time" before the NFL might get involved.

■ The Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday signed former Super Bowl hero David Tyree, who played in 73 games with the New York Giants before being cut last month.

Tyree is expected to contribute to special teams, and could see time at wide receiver.

■ The Miami Dolphins lost an important contributor to their wildcard package on Tuesday.

Reserve running back Patrick Cobbs will miss the rest of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, coach Tony Sparano said. Cobbs was hurt on a carry in the fourth quarter of Monday night's victory over the New York Jets.

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NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	6	5	1	0	10	24	12
Pittsburgh	6	5	1	0	10	21	15
Philadelphia	5	3	1	1	7	19	15
New Jersey	5	3	2	0	6	14	15
N.Y. Islanders	4	0	1	3	3	9	13
Northeast Division							
Ottawa	5	3	2	0	6	12	14
Buffalo	3	2	0	1	5	4	3
Boston	5	2	3	0	4	16	19
Montreal	5	2	3	0	4	12	18
Toronto	5	0	4	1	1	12	24
Southeast Division							
Tampa Bay	5	2	1	2	6	15	16
Washington	6	2	2	2	6	22	21
Atlanta	3	2	1	0	4	12	9
Carolina	5	2	3	0	4	13	17
Florida	5	1	4	0	2	10	20

Western Conference

Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	5	3	1	1	7	19	15
Columbus	4	3	1	0	6	12	10
Nashville	4	2	2	0	4	7	11
Detroit	4	2	2	0	4	12	13
St. Louis	4	2	2	0	4	12	12
Northwest Division							
Calgary	6	4	1	1	9	24	23
Colorado	5	3	1	1	7	17	12
Edmonton	5	3	1	1	7	20	15
Vancouver	5	2	3	0	4	17	17
Minnesota	4	1	3	0	2	10	15
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	5	4	1	0	8	19	15
San Jose	6	3	2	1	7	20	18
Phoenix	5	2	2	1	6	11	7
Anaheim	5	2	2	1	5	13	13
Dallas	4	1	0	3	5	14	14
Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.							

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's games

N.Y. Rangers 3, Anaheim 0

Vancouver 4, Dallas 3, SO

Monday's games

Los Angeles 2, N.Y. Islanders 1

Edmonton 6, Nashville 1

N.Y. Rangers 7, Toronto 2

Chicago 6, Calgary 5, OT

New Jersey 3, Washington 2, SO

Colorado 4, Boston 3

Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 1

Tampa Bay 3, Florida 2

Phoenix 1, San Jose 0, SO

Tuesday's games

Detroit at Buffalo

Calgary at Columbus

Colorado at Toronto

Wednesday's games

Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders

Edmonton at Chicago

Nashville at Dallas

Minnesota at Anaheim

Monday

Kings 2, Islanders 1

Los Angeles	0	1	1-2
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	1-1
Second Period —1, Los Angeles, Kopitar 4 (Williams, Smyth), 18:33 (pp).			
Third Period —2, Los Angeles, Doughty 2 (Stoll, Purcell), 5:31, 3, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 2 (Okposo, Streit), 18:05.			
Shots on Goal —Los Angeles 4-13-5—22. N.Y. Islanders 11-9-9—29.			
Power-play opportunities —Los Angeles 1 of 3; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3.			
Goalies —Los Angeles, Quick 4-1-0 (29 shots-28 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Biron 0-1-1 (22-20).			
A—12,145 (16,234). T—2:14.			

Oilers 6, Predators 1

Edmonton	4	2	0-6
Nashville	0	1	0-1
First Period —1, Edmonton, Horcoff 1 (Hemsky, Jacques), 7:11, 2, Edmonton, Brule 2 (Penner, Smid), 11:02, 3, Edmonton, Stortini 1 (Comrie, Chorney), 13:58 (pp), 4, Edmonton, Stortini 2 (Cogliano, Strudwick), 19:31.			
Second Period —5, Edmonton, Cogliano 1 (O'Sullivan), 2:07, 6, Edmonton, Grebeshkov 2 (Penner, Brule), 17:57, 7, Nashville, Arnott 3 (Horngqvist, Hamhuis), 19:11.			
Shots on Goal —Edmonton 9-7-4—20. Nashville 12-14-15—41.			
Power-play opportunities —Edmonton 1 of 2; Nashville 0 of 6.			
Goalies —Edmonton, Drouin-Deslauriers 1-0-0 (41 shots-40 saves). Nashville, Rinne 0-2-0 (9-5), D.Ellis (0:00 second, 11-9).			
A—12,179 (17,113). T—2:17.			



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Chicago center Patrick Sharp is congratulated by teammates on the bench after he scored the tying goal Monday against Calgary.

Rangers 7, Maple Leafs 2

Toronto	1	1	0-2
N.Y. Rangers	2	1	4-7
First Period —1, N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 2 (Dubinsky, Kotliko), 2:34 (pp), 2, N.Y. Rangers, Redden 1 (Prosapal, Dubinsky), 8:08, 3, Toronto, Ponikarovsky 3 (Mitchell, White), 19:15.			
Second Period —4, N.Y. Rangers, Girardi 2 (Drury), 2:26, 5, Toronto, Blake 1 (White, Grabovski), 17:21 (pp).			
Third Period —6, N.Y. Rangers, Avery 1 (Anisimov, Drury), 1:56, 7, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 5 (Prosapal, Redden), 3:13, 8, N.Y. Rangers, Girardi 3 (Anisimov, Gaborik), 13:41, 9, N.Y. Rangers, Avery 2 (Redden, Lisin), 18:03 (pp).			
Shots on Goal —Toronto 8-13-8—29. N.Y. Rangers 15-7-11—33.			
Power-play opportunities —Toronto 1 of 4; N.Y. Rangers 2 of 6.			
Goalies —Toronto, Toskala 0-2-1 (33 shots-26 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 4-1-0 (29-27).			
A—18,200 (18,200). T—2:23.			

Blackhawks 6, Flames 5 (OT)

Calgary	5	0	0-5
Chicago	1	3	1-6
First Period —1, Calgary, Boyd 1 (Prust, McGrattan), 6:14, 2, Calgary, Nystrom 3 (Regehr, Glencross), 6:48, 3, Calgary, Iginla 2 (Jokinen, Sjostrom), 7:07, 4, Calgary, Bourque 4 (Boyd), 10:44, 5, Calgary, Madden 1 (Barker, Ladd), 17:42.			
Second Period —7, Chicago, Kane 3 (Bolland, Campbell), 7:37, 8, Chicago, Byfuglien 3 (Kane), 13:44, 9, Chicago, Bolland 1 (Kane, Campbell), 14:25.			
Third Period —10, Chicago, Sharp 4 (Keith, Ladd), 4:32.			
Overtime —11, Chicago, B.Seabrook 1, 2:26.			
Shots on Goal —Calgary 10-6-4-0—20. Chicago 16-11-11-1—39.			
Power-play opportunities —Calgary 0 of 1; Chicago 0 of 4.			
Goalies —Calgary, Kiprusoff 4-0-1 (39 shots-33 saves). Chicago, Huet (5-2), Niemi 2-0-0 (7:07 first, 15-13).			
A—20,074 (19,717). T—2:28.			

Devils 3, Capitals 2 (SO)

New Jersey	0	1	1-0-3
Washington	2	0	0-2
New Jersey won shootout 2-1			
First Period —1, Washington, Green 1 (Knuble, Ovechkin), 9:06, 2, Washington, Knuble 2 (Ovechkin), 14:16.			
Second Period —3, New Jersey, Rolston 2 (Niedermayer, White), 8:18.			
Third Period —4, New Jersey, Clarkson 2 (Bergfors, Zubrus), 13:34.			
Shootout —New Jersey 2 (Parise G, Langenbrunner G), Washington 1 (Backstrom G, Semin NG, Ovechkin NG).			
Shots on Goal —New Jersey 7-7-12-3—29. Washington 6-12-11-4—33.			
Power-play opportunities —New Jersey 0 of 5; Washington 0 of 5.			
Goalies —New Jersey, Brodeur 3-2-0 (33 shots-31 saves). Washington, Theodore 1-2-2 (29-27).			
A—18,277 (18,277). T—2:29.			

Avalanche 4, Bruins 3

Colorado	2	2	0-4
Boston	0	2	1-3
First Period —1, Colorado, Hejduk 2 (Duchene, Quincey), 6:15 (pp), 2, Colorado, Hannan 1 (Jones, O'Reilly), 6:52.			
Second Period —3, Boston, Recchi 1 (Bergeron, Kobasew), 7:45, 4, Boston, Wheeler 2 (Ryder, Krejci), 10:14, 5, Colorado, Svatos 2 (Wolski, Clark), 13:32 (pp), 6, Colorado, Jones 1 (Gallardi), 16:50 (sh).			
Third Period —7, Boston, Ryder 2 (Lucic, Krejci), 6:24.			
Shots on Goal —Colorado 10-9-3—22. Boston 12-8-12—32.			
Power-play opportunities —Colorado 2 of 3; Boston 0 of 5.			
Goalies —Colorado, Anderson 3-1-1 (32 shots-29 saves). Boston, Rask 1-1-0 (22-18).			
A—16,393 (17,565). T—2:20.			

Penguins 4, Senators 1

Pittsburgh	1	2	1-4
Ottawa	1	0	0-1
First Period —1, Ottawa, Michalek 1 (Cheechoo, Spezza), 15:59, 2, Pittsburgh, Guerin 2 (Kunitz, Eaton), 16:38.			
Second Period —3, Pittsburgh, Kennedy 3 (McKee, Adams), 6:16, 4, Pittsburgh, Kennedy 4 (Cooke, Adams), 18:02.			
Third Period —5, Pittsburgh, Staal 3 (Rupp), 9:54.			
Shots on Goal —Pittsburgh 9-10-9—28. Ottawa 9-8-14—31.			
Power-play opportunities —Pittsburgh 0 of 0; Ottawa 0 of 5.			
Goalies —Pittsburgh, Fleury 5-0-0 (31 shots-30 saves). Ottawa, Leclair 2-2-0 (28-24).			
A—17,014 (19,153). T—2:18.			

Lightning 3, Panthers 2

Florida	1	1	0-2
Tampa Bay	1	0	2-3
First Period —1, Florida, Dvorak 1 (Krepps), 8:10 (sh), 2, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 3 (St. Louis, Lecavalier), 18:32 (pp).			
Second Period —3, Florida, Horton 1 (Weiss, Kulikov), 6:33 (pp).			
Third Period —4, Tampa Bay, St. Louis 3 (Lecavalier, Hedman), 7:17 (pp), 5, Tampa Bay, Malone 5 (Stamkos, Niittymaki), 13:29.			
Shots on Goal —Florida 10-10-13—33. Tampa Bay 11-11-9—31.			
Power-play opportunities —Florida 1 of 5; Tampa Bay 2 of 6.			
Goalies —Florida, Vokoun 1-4-0 (31 shots-28 saves). Tampa Bay, Niittymaki 2-0-0 (33-31).			
A—14,126 (19,758). T—2:20.			

Coyotes 1, Sharks 0 (SO)

Phoenix	0	0	0-1
San Jose	0	0	0-0
Phoenix won shootout 2-1			
Shootout —Phoenix 2 (Vrbata NG, Mueller G, Korpikoski G), San Jose 1 (Heatley NG, Setoguchi NG, Boyle G).			
Shots on Goal —Phoenix 7-11-7-5—30. San Jose 10-5-8-3—26.			
Power-play opportunities —Phoenix 0 of 4; San Jose 0 of 3.			
Goalies —Phoenix, Bryzgalov 3-1-0 (26 shots-26 saves). San Jose, Nabokov 3-1-1 (30-30).			
A—17,562 (17,496). T—2:32.			

Blackhawks rally past Flames in OT

Chicago overcomes 5-goal deficit

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The goals came quickly, one after another. In a span of 53 seconds, the Calgary Flames scored three and built a 5-0 lead in the first period.

It was so bad for the Chicago Blackhawks early on that coach Joel Quenneville pulled starting goalie Cristobal Huet a little more than seven minutes into Monday night's game.

And the fans, stunned by the Blackhawks' sloppy play, were letting the home team have it, booing from all over the United Center.

"Holy smokes. How we going to fix this?" Chicago defenseman Brent Seabrook asked himself.

Somehow, they did. A night that got off to such a bad start ended in a jubilant mob scene after the Blackhawks tied the NHL record for the biggest comeback and beat the Flames 6-5 on Seabrook's goal 26 seconds into overtime.

Chicago matched the biggest comeback in NHL history, rallying from the five-goal deficit. The comeback was also the largest in franchise history.

Oilers 6, Predators 1: At Nashville, Tenn., Zack Stortini scored two of Edmonton's four first period goals to lead the Oilers over Nashville.

It was Edmonton's first victory in Nashville since Oct. 29, 2005. The Oilers had lost seven straight games on the Predators' home ice.

After starting the season with two consecutive victories, the Predators have dropped back-to-back games.

Rangers 7, Maple Leafs 2: At New York, defenseman Dan Girardi and Sean Avery both scored two goals and the Rangers beat the Maple Leafs for their fifth straight victory.

Sports briefs

No. 16 OSU backs Bryant's reinstatement

The Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said Monday the school is backing the reinstatement of star receiver Dez Bryant, less than a week after declaring him ineligible for lying to the NCAA.

The school put the All-American on the sidelines last Wednesday for lying to the NCAA about his relationship with former NFL star Deion Sanders. Bryant sat out Saturday as No. 16 Oklahoma State won 36-31 at Texas A&M.

The Cowboys (4-1, 1-0 Big 12) will host conference rival Missouri (4-1, 0-1) this Saturday.

Bryant played in Oklahoma State's first three games while compliance officials were investigating his meeting with Sanders and another former NFL player, Omar Stoutmire, that Bryant later lied about to the NCAA.

Sanders said Sunday on the NFL Network that his longtime agent, Eugene Parker, was not present for his meeting with Bryant. Sanders also said he didn't give Bryant any gifts and portrayed his relationship with Bryant as one of mentoring.

Bryant, his attorney and Oklahoma State compliance director Scott Williams were expected to meet Tuesday with NCAA officials in Indianapolis, but it's unclear when the situation might be resolved.

"We have started the reinstatement process, which means we're in support of him 100 percent," Gundy said. "He made a mistake. He was untruthful and he's admitted that. How long it's going to take, I don't know. Whether they're going to reinstate him or not, I don't know."

Alabama appeals vacated wins

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama contends the NCAA wrongly forced the football program to vacate 21 victories.

The university, in a rebuttal released Tuesday, says the wins should be restored. It says the NCAA infractions committee, among other things, improperly cited the school's repeat violator status as a factor in imposing the penalty.

Alabama's rebuttal said the committee cited the school's "abysmal infractions track record" and described that record as "the driving force behind" the penalty.

The university said the committee ignored bylaws and precedents in addressing repeat violator penalties.

The case that led to the penalty involved 201 athletes in 16 sports obtaining textbooks they weren't entitled to under their scholarships.

Michigan QB Forcier keeping job if cleared

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Tate Forcier's head and shoulder have taken a beating this season. If he is healthy enough to take a pounding again, he's playing.

Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said Monday that Forcier had a concussion against Iowa. If the quarterback is cleared to play, he'll keep his starting job.

"I don't think it was a severe one, but he still has a headache," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez expects Forcier to be OK, adding doctors and trainers will decide by Wednesday if Forcier can play Saturday at home against Delaware State.

Rodriguez replaced Forcier with fellow freshman Denard Robinson in the fourth quarter against the Hawkeyes and he led the Wolverines on a touchdown drive. Robinson was in the game for Michigan's final drive and he threw an interception, allowing Iowa to hold on for a 30-28 win.

New Mexico's Locksley resolves legal claim

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico coach Mike Locksley has resolved "all legal claims" involving a former football administrative assistant, although details were scarce in a statement issued Monday by the university.

According to a plaintiff's attorney, Locksley told Sylvia Lopez she was too old to be attractive to recruits, prompting the 25-year university employee to file an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission complaint against the coach in April.

It alleged age discrimination, retaliation and, according to comments attributed to Lopez's attorney, Whitney Warner, sexual harassment.

The university's statement indicated it was "unfortunate the label of sexual harassment was used in this case because it never fit" Lopez's circumstances.

The development removes one major off-field problem facing Locksley. He still faces an internal university investigation after he punched an assistant coach during a heated coaches meeting, splitting his lip.

Sooners guard Simmons out

NORMAN, Okla. — Starting left

guard Brian Simmons will miss No. 20 Oklahoma's game against third-ranked Texas on Saturday with a right knee injury.

Simmons left in the third quarter of the Sooners' 33-7 victory over Baylor last weekend, hopping toward the sideline before trainers met him and helped him the rest of the way off the field.

Coach Bob Stoops refused to say how long Oklahoma (3-2, 1-0 Big 12) would be without Simmons, one of the few veterans remaining on an offensive line that lost four starters from last season.

Notre Dame WR Floyd might return earlier than expected

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame wide receiver Michael Floyd is healing faster than expected from a broken left collarbone and could be ready to play by Nov. 14 when the Fighting Irish play at Pittsburgh.

Coach Charlie Weis said Floyd would be in uniform for practice on Tuesday. Floyd had surgery on Sept. 20 to have a plate placed on the bone for reinforcement, a day after he was injured when he landed on his shoulder trying to make a catch.

At the time of the injury, Weis said Floyd might be available for a bowl game. The 6-foot-3, 220-pound sophomore was second in the nation in receiving yards at 160 yards a game when he was hurt.

No. 25 Notre Dame hosts No. 6 Southern California on Saturday.

French investigating syringes found during Tour

PARIS — French prosecutors have launched a preliminary investigation to examine syringes found during this year's Tour de France.

The case was opened after the discovery of several suspicious syringes in a container given by organizers to all the teams in order to collect medical waste, the Paris prosecutors office said on Tuesday, on the eve of the 2010 Tour course unveiling in Paris.

However, the office said it was not targeting a specific team, refuting a report by L'Equipe on Tuesday that said Astana was being investigated.

Arroyo signs with Heat

MIAMI — Carlos Arroyo is back in the NBA, and gets to stay home in Miami for that opportunity.

The Miami Heat signed Arroyo to a one-year contract Monday,

which would be worth about \$1.1 million if the 30-year-old point guard remains with the club all season.

Arroyo last played in the NBA for the Orlando Magic during the 2007-08 season, spending last season in Israel. The former FIU player still makes his home in Miami.

Arroyo has played for five other NBA teams in seven seasons, averaging a career-best 12.6 points in 71 games with Utah during the 2003-04 campaign.

Louisville players face added charges in bar fight

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. — Police added charges Tuesday against two University of Louisville basketball players arrested following a fight at a southern Indiana restaurant.

Louisville senior guard Jerry Smith and sophomore forward Terrence Jennings were arrested early Sunday morning and charged with resisting arrest when off-duty police tried to break up a fight at an alumni homecoming party.

Jeffersonville Police Detective Todd Hollis said charges of battery and disorderly conduct against the two players were added on Sunday evening by the arresting officer.

U.S. soccer forward Davies in surgery after car accident

ARLINGTON, Va. — U.S. national team forward Charlie Davies was injured in a one-car accident in which another person was killed early Tuesday in the Washington, D.C., area.

Davies was expected to undergo more than five hours of surgery. U.S. Soccer Federation spokesman Neil Buette said Davies' injuries were not life-threatening but "possibly" career-threatening, but he added: "We don't know specifically what the surgery is for."

U.S. Park Police Sgt. David Schlosser said the accident took place at about 3:15 a.m. Tuesday in the southbound lanes of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia. Schlosser identified the fatality as Ashley J. Roberta, 22, of Phoenix, Md.

Former IOC president Samaranch hospitalized

MONACO — Former International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch was hospitalized Tuesday following a mild heart attack.

L'Equipe reported on its Web

site that the 89-year-old Samaranch collapsed while attending the Sportel international sports television festival.

He was admitted at Princess Grace Hospital Center in Monaco. There was no immediate comment from the hospital.

Samaranch headed the IOC from 1980 to 2001.

Wild place Clutterbuck on IR

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Minnesota Wild placed forward Cal Clutterbuck on injured reserve Tuesday with a sprained left ankle.

Clutterbuck was injured at San Jose on Saturday. He flew back to Minnesota on Tuesday for an MRI exam and could miss several weeks. It's a big blow for an already banged-up team. Clutterbuck led the NHL in hits last season and is one of the team's biggest energy players.

Purdue's Jackson suspended for basketball opener

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue guard Lewis Jackson was suspended Tuesday for two exhibition games and the season opener for violating team and NCAA rules.

The team suspended him for two games after he pleaded guilty in April to charges of illegal alcohol consumption and possession of drug paraphernalia. Jackson was told to complete community service and spend a year under court supervision.

The NCAA suspended Jackson one game for playing in an unspecified NCAA-sanctioned event without approval from his coach and compliance director. He'll sit out the season opener against Cal State Northridge on Nov. 13.

Sabean, Bochy receive contract extensions

SAN FRANCISCO — Manager Bruce Bochy and general manager Brian Sabean are staying with the San Francisco Giants.

Bochy and Sabean each received two-year contract extensions with a club option after meeting with managing general partner Bill Neukom on Tuesday. Both men expected to return, but Neukom had said he would wait until the end of the season to make a decision.

While the Giants missed the playoffs for the sixth straight season, they were in the NL wildcard chase well into September and at 88-74 won 16 more games than in 2008.

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Top Scores for Week 5

200	yahtzee	Spangdahlem AB, Germany
200	JaszMid	
192	Dirty Gert	Scott AFB, IL
192	49erFanman	48 MDSS/SGSR
190	AD28Vikings	Osan AB
188	StariVojnik	Retired
188	cwalk	317 Maintenance Company
186	silverfox	JRTC
186	johna	mcb
186	HB1	Little Rock Air Force Base

Top 10 Overall Scores

1032	yahtzee	Spangdahlem AB, Germany
1026	Willylump	HQ USAREUR G6
1024	Mr. Football 2000	HHC 12th AVN
1022	Dirty Gert	Scott AFB, IL
1016	Virginia Tech Hokies	HQ USAREUR
1012	cyber2nd	CENTCOM
1010	Fantasy Fools	Geilenkirchen AB Germany
1008	davez	181st SIG CO
1008	RichieRich	USANATO
1006	cubbie-t	435 S.V.S.



Winning combination

Kadena backs combine talent, work ethic

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Kubasaki football coach Fred Bales could only shake his head in grudging admiration. Kadena junior halfback Shariff Coleman carried the ball toward the left side of the line, saw it bottled up and cut back to the right without losing speed for a 30-yard gain.

"Man, did you see that kid stop on a dime?" Bales asked of nobody in particular. "Unbelievable."

Coleman's run was part of the Panthers' 528 rushing yards on 54 carries with seven touchdowns en route to a 43-0 romp over the Dragons and a 3-0 sweep of the best-of-five Okinawa Activities Council championship series.

Coleman, Thomas McDonald and Lotty Smith, all juniors, are just the latest running-back set unveiled by Kadena coaches Sergio Mendoza and Steve Schrock, groups that have paced the Panthers (4-0) to the past three Class AA title games and a championship in 2007.

"We've been lucky that we've had those types of players," Mendoza said.

But this group above all others, Mendoza said, is doubly special. "We've relied on natural ability. These guys have natural ability and a strong work ethic," he said.

That work ethic, Mendoza said, was evident over the summer. Every day, the players would condition for three hours in the searing Okinawa heat, lifting and pulling tires, running hills, lunging, weightlifting, even doing squat walks with 45-pound weights on their shoulders.

"It was tough," Mendoza said. "I think they were all at the point where they wanted to quit."

But 20 varsity and 20 JV players stuck it out. Though grueling, in the end, the conditioning was "rewarding," Coleman said.

Their diverse offense helped Kadena up its winning streak over Kubasaki to 14 straight, hold the Dragons scoreless for 11 straight quarters and outscore Kubasaki 120-0 since the first quarter of the first game, a 27-10 Kadena victory on Sept. 4.

Mendoza and Schrock have worked toward a good balance between ball carriers, so if the right hand doesn't get you, the left one will. Coleman cited a play in which the Dragons' defense yelled, "Watch for Shariff!"



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Running behind such escorts as senior center Tyler Broome, left, junior running backs Lotty Smith, Thomas McDonald and Shariff Coleman have paced the Kadena Panthers to their fourth straight Okinawa Activities Council football title and Class AA playoff berth.

and McDonald carried instead for a 23-yard touchdown.

"It gives us a lot of combinations," Mendoza said, adding that the backs don't compete for carries. "They don't get jealous of each other. I had a really selfish back once. He could have been the best I ever coached, but it was all about him. These guys aren't like that."

The backs and line also hold a solid respect for each other. "I'm always glad to go out and give it my all for these backs," senior center Tyler Broome said. "When one of us scores, it's like we scored."

"You feel that if you're running behind Tyler, Sean O'Neil, Big Mikey (Correa), pretty much the whole line ... you feel happy. You feel protected," McDonald said.

Bales and other coaches have certainly taken notice over the years.

"They have the ability to do a lot of things," said coach Tim Pujol of Yokota, a 39-13 loser to Kadena in the 2007 Class AA title game and 37-30 loser in the 2006 semifinals. Kadena visits Yokota on Saturday in the first regular-season interarea clash between the schools.

"If you don't get hold of those guys before they get rolling, it's pretty much over," Bales said. "They're well-coached, they have a great

line, they execute quickly. They have a great triggerman in (quarterback Stan) Schrock. They're hitting on all cylinders."

Mendoza hopes that hitting on all cylinders will continue all the way to a second Class AA title in three years — and erase the bitter taste left in the Panthers' mouths after their 22-21 Class AA title game loss at Seoul American in November.

After that game, "the kids vowed to do whatever it took to not feel that way again," Mendoza said, adding that all the hard work they've done, through the summer and through practices and games thus far, "we've done everything possible."

Whatever the outcome, it won't be the last Okinawa and the Pacific sees of Coleman, McDonald and Smith. They're all due to graduate in 2011, and that means one more football season and two track and field seasons — Mendoza coaches the Panthers track team as well.

Football or track, it makes no difference in one coach's eye.

"The track season has already started," Bales said. "They're just wearing football uniforms."

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Schedule

Gum Football Saturday
Father Duenas at Okkodo, 10 a.m.; Southern at Guam High, 3 p.m.; George Washington at John F. Kennedy, 3 p.m.

Cross country Wednesday, Oct. 14
Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam All-Island Championship, Nimitz Hill Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.

Girls volleyball Postseason Thursday
At University of Guam Field House Semifinals
Match 8-Guam High or Simon Sanchez vs. St. John's or Academy of Our Lady of Guam, 5:30 p.m.
Match 9-Notre Dame or John F. Kennedy vs. Southern or George Washington, 7 p.m.

Saturday At University of Guam Field House Third-place match
Match 10-Match 8 loser vs. Match 9 loser, 5:30 p.m.

Championship Match 11-Match 8 winner vs. Match 9 winner, 7 p.m.

Okinawa Football Friday
Ryukyu University at Kubasaki, 7 p.m.

Saturday Kadena at Yokota, 7 p.m.
Girls volleyball Thursday
Kubasaki at Okinawa Christian International, 6:30 p.m.

Friday Kadena at Kubasaki, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Kadena at Urasoe, 9 a.m.

Tuesday Okinawa Christian International at Kadena, 6:30 p.m.

Cross country Wednesday, Oct. 14
Kadena, Kubasaki and Zion Christian Academy at Okinawa Christian International, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21
Kadena, Zion Christian Academy and Okinawa Christian International at Kubasaki, 4:30 p.m.

Tennis Wednesday, Oct. 14
Kubasaki vs. Kadena at Risner Tennis Complex, Kadena Air Base, 3 p.m.

Japan Football Friday
Zama at Edgren, 7 p.m.

Saturday Kinnick at ASIJ, 1 p.m.
Kadena (Okinawa) at Yokota, 7 p.m.

Girls volleyball Wednesday, Oct. 14
Yokota at ISH, 5:30 p.m.; Yokohama Int'l at Zama, 5:30 p.m.

Friday
Yokohama Int'l at Kinnick, 5:30 p.m.; CAJ at Yokota, 5:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday
E.J. King and Matthew C. Perry at Western Japan Athletic Association tournament, Canadian Academy, Kobe

Saturday
Seisen at CAJ, 10 a.m.; ISH at ASIJ, 10:30 a.m.; Zama at Kinnick, 1 p.m.

Monday
ISH at Kinnick, 10 a.m.

Tuesday
ASIJ at Yokota, 9 a.m.; Zama at CAJ, 5:30 p.m.; Kinnick at Seisen, 5:30 p.m.

Tennis Wednesday, Oct. 14
St. Mary's Int'l and Seisen at Yokota, 3 p.m.

Friday-Saturday
Matthew C. Perry at Canadian Academy

Saturday
Zama at ASIJ, 9 a.m.; CAJ and ISH at St. Mary's International and Seisen, 9 a.m.

Cross country Saturday
Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools Cross-Country Meet, all Japan schools at Tama Hills Recreation Center, 9 a.m.

Game of the week

Football Zama (4-1) at Edgren (3-3) When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Where: Eagles Field, Robert D. Edgren High School, Misawa Air Base, Japan.

What: Second of two regular-season meetings to determine the DODDS-Pacific Far East Class A football championship game, scheduled for Nov. 7 at either Osan or Daegu American School.

Players to watch: Zama's running game, spearheaded by fullbacks Michael Spencer and Ashton Norwood and tailback Ryan Blackstock, has rolled up 1,584 yards on 225 carries, the best four-game run in school history. Edgren sticks primarily with a ground game also, with fullback Ja'Maal Dennis rushing for 307 yards on 48 carries in the Eagles' last two games — played four weeks apart — while two-way star Matt Linder has been stellar on defense, with three interceptions and a fumble recovery in the last two games.

Ja'Maal Dennis

Football, Edgren

Last week: Spearheaded the running attack as the Eagles came off a three-week layoff by downing Kinnick 33-15 on Saturday at Yokosuka Naval Base. Edgren improved to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in DODDS Japan.

Dennis, a senior, ran 23 times for 205 yards, including touchdown runs of 85, 50 and 20 yards for the Eagles, who also got 5-for-8 passing for 120 yards and a touchdown from Zach Davis and two interceptions each from Matt Linder and James Ervin, who also returned a punt 60 yards for a score.

Eagles coach Chris Waite describes Dennis as a quiet leader. "He doesn't speak up a lot, but his play is big on both sides of the football," Waite said, adding that Dennis will likely continue to get the lion's share of the carries the rest of the season.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Siarria Ingram

Cross country, Seoul American

Last week: Won both of her races and recorded her second sub-20-minute time of the season to help keep the Falcons unbeaten in Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference competition.

Ingram, a freshman, ran the 3.1-mile course on Yong-san Garrison's South Post last Wednesday in 19 minutes, 26 seconds, 1:12 ahead of her nearest competitor, teammate Jessalyn Bialke. Ingram followed that by conquering the Korea International School course in Pangyo, a hilly 3.1-mile layout, in 21:30. Ingram is 5-0 this season and the Falcons 14-0 as a team.

"She's a pure athlete," coach Steve Boyd said. "I have not seen anybody run so fluidly, so effortlessly. She's just a natural, a natural-born talent. No wasted motion, from start to finish she runs at the same pace and never looks back."

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Division Series

American League
NEW YORK 3, MINNESOTA 0
 New York 7, Minnesota 2
 New York 4, Minnesota 3, 11 innings
 New York 4, Minnesota 1
LOS ANGELES 3, BOSTON 0
 Los Angeles 5, Boston 0
 Los Angeles 4, Boston 1
 Los Angeles 7, Boston 6

National League
LOS ANGELES 3, ST. LOUIS 0
 Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 3
 Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 2
 Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 1
PHILADELPHIA 3, COLORADO 1
 Philadelphia 5, Colorado 1
 Colorado 5, Philadelphia 4
 Philadelphia 6, Colorado 5
Monday: Philadelphia 5, Colorado 4

League Championship Series

(Best-of-seven)

American League
Friday: Los Angeles (Lackey 11-8) at New York (Sabathia 19-8)
Saturday: Los Angeles at New York
Monday, Oct. 19: New York at Los Angeles
Tuesday, Oct. 20: New York at Los Angeles
Thursday, Oct. 22: New York at Los Angeles
Saturday, Oct. 24: Los Angeles at New York
Sunday, Oct. 25: Los Angeles at New York

National League
Thursday: Philadelphia (Hamels 10-11) at Los Angeles (Wolf 11-7 or Kershaw 8-8)
Friday: Philadelphia at Los Angeles
Sunday: Los Angeles at Philadelphia
Monday, Oct. 19: Los Angeles at Philadelphia
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Los Angeles at Philadelphia
Friday, Oct. 23: Philadelphia at Los Angeles
Saturday, Oct. 24: Philadelphia at Los Angeles

World Series

Wednesday, Oct. 28: NL at AL
Thursday, Oct. 29: NL at AL
Saturday, Oct. 31: AL at NL
Sunday, Nov. 1: AL at NL
Monday, Nov. 2: AL at NL
Wednesday, Nov. 4: NL at AL
Thursday, Nov. 5: NL at AL
 *—if necessary

Monday

Phillies 5, Rockies 4

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi	Colorado	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	5	0	2	0	C.Gniz rf	4	0	2	0
Victorn cf	5	2	2	1	Fowler cf	4	1	1	0
Utey 2b	2	1	0	0	Helton 1b	4	2	1	0
Howard 1b	4	1	1	2	Tlwtzk ss	5	0	1	1
Werth rf	4	1	2	2	GAtkns 3b	3	0	0	0
Ibanez lf	3	0	0	0	Giambi ph	1	1	1	1
Madson p	0	0	0	0	Street p	0	0	0	0
Calro ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Beimel p	0	0	0	0
P.Felz 3b	1	0	0	0	Torrealc	4	0	2	2
C.Ruiz c	4	0	1	0	S.Smith lf	3	0	0	0
Cl.Lee p	3	0	0	0	Barnes 2b	4	0	0	0
Bfncs lf	0	0	0	0	Jimenez p	2	0	1	0
Dobbs ph	1	0	0	0	Splrgns ph	1	0	0	0
S.Eyre p	0	0	0	0	FMoris p	0	0	0	0
Lidge p	0	0	0	0	Rbtncr p	0	0	0	0
					Stewart 3b	0	0	0	0
					EYong ph	1	0	0	0

Totals	36	5	9	5	Totals	36	4	9	4
Philadelphia	100	001	003	—5					
Colorado	000	001	030	—4					

E—Ibanez (1), Rollins (1). DP—Philadelphia 2. LOB—Philadelphia 10, Colorado 9. 2B—Rollins (1), Howard (3), Tulowitzki (2), Torrealba (2), HR—Victorino (1), Werth (2), SB—Utey (2).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia					
Cl.Lee	7 1/3	5	3	1	3
Madson W,1-0 BS,2-2	2 1/3	2	1	1	1
S.Eyre 3b	2	2	0	0	0
Lidge 5-2	1/3	0	0	0	1
Colorado					
Jimenez	7	6	2	2	7
F.Morales	1	0	0	0	3
R.Betancourt	2 1/3	0	0	0	0
Street L,0-2 BS,1-2	2 1/3	3	3	1	1
Beimel	1/3	0	0	0	0
WP—Cl.Lee, Madson. T—3:41. A—49,940 (50,449).					

Baseball calendar

November — Free agent filing period, first 15 days after World Series ends.
Nov. 9-11 — General managers meetings, Chicago.
Nov. 30-Dec. 4 — Major League Baseball Players Association executive board meeting, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Dec. 1 — Last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents.
Dec. 7 — Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept the offers.
Dec. 7-10 — Winter meetings, Indianapolis.
Dec. 12 — Last day for teams to offer 2010 contracts to unsigned players.
2010
Jan. 5-15 — Salary arbitration filing announced.
Jan. 6 — Hall of Fame BBWAA voting announced.
Jan. 19 — Exchange of salary arbitration figures.
Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Feb. 18 — Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.
Feb. 23 — Voluntary reporting date for other players.
March 2 — Mandatory reporting date.
March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher Brad Lidge, front, hugs right fielder Jayson Werth after the Phillies' 5-4 victory over the Colorado Rockies in Game 4 of the National League division series Monday in Denver. Lidge, who struggled during the regular season, saved his second straight game as the Phillies advanced to the National League championship series against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Werth drove in the winning run in the top of the ninth, capping a three-run rally.

Phillies rally past Rockies in 9th

Lidge's second save nails down return trip to NLCS

By ARNIE STAPLETON
 The Associated Press

DENVER — All of a sudden, the crumbling closer was wearing purple pinstripes instead of Phillies red and white.

Brad Lidge retired Troy Tulowitzki for the final out for the second straight night, sending Philadelphia to the NL championship series with a 5-4 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Lidge's second save Monday — the other came just past midnight in Game 3 — was sweet redemption for the Phillies closer who went from perfect a year ago to perfectly awful in 2009.

He converted all 48 save chances last year, capped when he struck out Tampa Bay's Eric Hinske in Game 5 to clinch the Phillies' World Series title. But he lost his perfect touch this season — he led the majors with 11 blown saves, went 0-8 with a 7.21 ERA and briefly lost his job in September.

Now, he's perfect in the post-season once again.

"I've said it before, people go through ups and downs. As long as he's throwing well for us right

now, that's all that matters," Ryan Howard said.

Howard hit a two-run double with two outs in the ninth inning off Huston Street and scored on Jayson Werth's single as Philadelphia rallied past the resilient Rockies in Game 4 on Monday to reach the NL championship series.

"Was it a good pitch to Howard? No, it wasn't my best pitch," Street said. "It wasn't painted on the knees at the black. But it was down and it was out. He's a good hitter. Sometimes you get beat."

Tulowitzki, who flied out to end Game 3, struck out this time and the Phillies celebrated on the infield at chilly Coors Field before retreating to the clubhouse for another champagne shower.

"We know we have a long way to go," Jimmy Rollins said. "So this is the last party."

Next, the World Series champions play Thursday night against Los Angeles at Dodger Stadium in an NLCS rematch from last season.

The Rockies thought they had sent the series back to Philly for a decisive Game 5 when they rallied for three runs with two

outs in the bottom of the eighth, capped by Yorvit Torrealba's two-run double.

"We thought we were going to pull this out and hop on a plane," Todd Helton said. "It didn't work."

Because Street, who saved 35 games in 37 chances during the season, blew it in the ninth again, one night after taking the loss in Game 3 when Howard hit a sacrifice fly to give the Phillies a 6-5 win.

On his way out of the clubhouse Monday night, Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd stopped by and gave Street an embrace, followed by some words of encouragement.

"We wouldn't have gotten here without you. You just keep that in mind," O'Dowd said. "I'm really proud of you."

Street, who came to Colorado from Oakland in the Matt Holliday trade last winter, was within a strike of winning before walking Chase Utley and then serving up Howard's big hit.

"We were a strike away from making a trip to Philadelphia," lamented Rockies manager Jim Tracy, who went 74-42 after tak-

ing over when Clint Hurdle was fired May 29.

Colorado erased a 2-1 deficit in the eighth with a three-run rally that began when Dexter Fowler hurled Utley at second base. Utley stepped into the basepath to field Todd Helton's slow grounder, and his quick flip to second base was wide right and mishandled for an error by Rollins.

That chased starter Cliff Lee and pinch-hitter Jason Giambi tied it with an RBI single off Ryan Madson before Torrealba's two-run double.

"No one got rattled and no one was worried," Werth said. "Going back to '07, we got swept by the Rockies and I think everybody learned a lesson. Everybody knew what we had to do."

The Phillies, who led the National League in homers for the second straight season with a franchise-record 224, got long balls from Shane Victorino and Werth off Ubaldo Jimenez as they built a 2-0 lead.

The Rockies made it 2-1 in the sixth on an RBI double by Tulowitzki.

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Too many blown calls when they really count?

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St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols yells at home plate umpire Mike Everitt after being called out on strikes during Game 3 of the National League division series against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Oct. 10 in St. Louis.

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ways to break the ump slump

By BEN WALKER / The Associated Press

A botched call in the corner. A phantom foul ball at home plate. Big misses on the bases. Umpires are getting an awful lot of attention in these playoffs, and that's never a good thing for baseball.

"We're judged not by excellence, but by perfection. Our job is to get every call correct," Gerry Davis, crew chief for the Philadelphia-Colorado series, said Monday. "That's what we aspire to do. Perfection is very tough. That's a tough aspiration."

"I don't know what else we can do," he said.

Looking ahead to next postseason, here are five ways to improve the umpires' performance:

Eject umpires from the foul lines

They only get in the way. They're uncomfortable standing out in left field or right; it's not a natural spot to work from. On balls down the lines, umpires want some distance to draw perspective. Like a moviegoer sitting in the front row, Phil Cuzzi might have been too close to clearly see Joe Mauer's shot at Yankee Stadium. Besides, replay covers the yes-or-no homer decisions.

Keep the crew chief in the infield

As it stands, the crew chief works the plate in Game 1, then spends the next two games in the outfield. No good. He's the most experienced guy, he should be in the middle. Would Davis have seen Chase Utley's tapper go off his leg, a play Jerry Meals missed? Working his 19th postseason series, Davis certainly would've gotten a better look than he did from left field. A very slight adjustment in how umpires rotate spots from game to game would always keep the chief in the mix, especially during arguments. Fact: Six-man crews began in the 1947 World Series and the four base umpires never moved to the outfield.

Leave crews intact

Like the Boston Pops, an umpire crew must work in harmony. Umps know each other's strengths and weaknesses, sometimes using a little glance or subtle sign to stay on the same page. Rather than one excellent umpire, it's the whole crew that often earns a fine reputation around the majors. There might be a benefit to letting umpires who have spent the entire season together stay as a foursome in the postseason.

Toss the merit system

Major League Baseball spends the whole season grading the umpires and says it picks the best ones for the postseason. The assignments come with an understanding — the World Series crew chief and some of his colleagues won't work the next October. Foul ball! The top umpires should be calling the most important games, period.

Upon further review ...

OK, time to expand replay. Not for the strike zone or tag plays, those still depend too much on getting the right angle on shifting parts — witness some of the early action Monday in Game 4 of the Phillies-Rockies series. But there's no reason not to have it on the foul lines, as they do in major tennis tournaments. The lines are the lines, they don't move. Worried about where to place the runners after a blown call? Don't be, umpires could easily sort out where they belong. Better that than dealing with an obvious miss.



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